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Petrol price could rise 30p

EC energy tax threatens new sovereignty row

By Nick Nuttall and Kevin Eason

EUROPEAN Community commissioners yesterday proposed a swingeing energy tax that would cut emissions of global warming gases, but raise some fuel costs by up to 60 per cent.

The proposal, in a recommendation to the Community's council of ministers, represents an unprecedented attempt to determine the tax policies of individual states. It will thus add a new dimension to the sovereignty arguments dividing the Community in the run-up to the Maastricht summit in December.

The measures would involve imposing a tax of $10 per barrel of oil, and would raise industrial coal prices by 60.6 per cent, natural gas by 31 per cent, heating oil by 40 per cent and industrial electricity by almost 16 per cent by the year 2000. The proposal could add up to 30p to the price of a gallon of petrol.

A new tax could also be applied to inefficient household appliances such as washing machines and cookers, but renewable forms of energy — including wind power, waste-into-electricity, small-scale hydroelectric schemes and tidal power — would be exempt. Nuclear power might also be excluded.

Besides fears over sovereignty, severe opposition to the proposals is likely not only from Britain, but from Spain, Portugal and Greece who fear a tax on energy might harm economic growth. The first test for the idea will come next month when the Community's environment ministers meet. If they approve the measures by a majority vote, the proposal will go to the community's finance ministers, who would have to approve it unanimously before it could become law.

Experts believe the Commission has produced its package because it has become dismayed at member states' efforts to curb emissions of carbon dioxide, the global warming gas. Only yesterday, the British environment secretary, Michael Heseltine, released a report showing his government's limited achievements on this and other environmental issues. His progress report on the white paper introduced by his predecessor, Chris Patten, last year shows that no new work has been done on renewable energy sources, although it does point to agreements on CFC controls and car emissions.

Carlo Ripa di Meana, the European commissioner for the environment, said he hoped the proposal would encourage the United States to take further steps to counteract global warming, while Professor Ian Fells of Newcastle University, who is an adviser to the House of Lords select committee on energy, said he welcomed the proposed tax "because that is the only way I can see us getting people to take energy conservation seriously".

Motor manufacturers and oil companies were last night studying details of the EC recommendations, but petrol companies said that they could add between 17p and 30p to a gallon of petrol, depending on how the levy was distributed.

Industry experts feared that a Community-wide tax that made companies manufacturing in the EC uncompetitive could drive multinationals into Eastern Europe or the Third World where there were no restrictions. A tax would also threaten jobs and would fail to meet environmental objectives.

Raymond Hunter, technical manager of renewable energy generation at the National Engineering Laboratories, East Kilbride, said the tax might add up to 1.5p a unit on the cost of fossil fuel-generated electricty. That would, at a stroke, make electricity generation from some forms of renewables, such as wind, more competitive and give them a measure of long-term security.

Simon Roberts, energy campaigner at Friends of the Earth in London, described the EC's move as a positive step towards a comprehensive programme to cut pollution. However, he feared that it might be swamped by ministerial objections.

The EC produces 13 per cent of the world's CO_2 emmissions compared with 23 per cent in the USA, 25 per cent in the Soviet Union and eastern Europe and 5 per cent in Japan.

● **Duke's plea:** The Duke of Edinburgh said protection of the environment should be enshrined in EC law. It should be a "basic principle" of an amended Treaty of Rome, he told a conference on the environment of Eastern and Western Europe in Brussels. The duke, international president of the World Wild Fund for Nature, said a written commitment would remind community leaders that caring for the environment was among their most important responsibilities.

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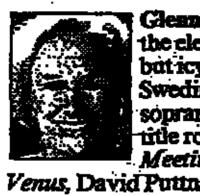

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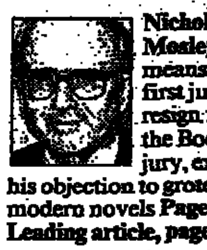

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Major rejects most of European treaty

By Robin Oakley, political editor

JOHN Major is to tell fellow European leaders that there is virtually nothing in the draft treaty on political union that he can accept. He will also say that there is no chance of his knuckling under at the last minute and signing: if it is not changed, Britain will veto it.

The prime minister will detail his worries about the treaty, due to be signed at the Maastricht summit in December, at meetings with President Mitterrand, Chancellor Kohl and Giulio Andreotti, the Italian prime minister. At the same time, Tristan Garel-Jones, Foreign Office minister of state for Europe, will launch into a round of intense shuttle diplomacy aimed at watering down the proposals put forward by the EC's Dutch presidency.

Mr Major is reluctant to speak out publicly on his objections because he does not want to show his hand in what will now be ten weeks of anguished negotiation, but senior government sources concede that domestic political pressures will at some stage force him to outline his terms. That will enable those, including France, who share some of Mr Major's reservations to shelter behind his opposition — as others did with Mrs Thatcher in the past.

The crucial sticking point for the prime minister is his insistence that foreign and defence policies, national security and justice matters must remain removed from the competence of centralised EC

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Bookseller tries for Booker discount

By trying to lower book prices, a bookseller has started a second Booker row, reports ***Gillian Bowditch***

The annual row over the Booker shortlist is in danger of being overshadowed by the annual row over the price of the books on the list. Terry Maher, chairman of Pentos, the company which owns Dillons bookshops, and the man who was booed at the Booker dinner last year, is preparing to launch his biggest book discounting campaign to date on the back of the list.

Mr Maher wants to see the abolition of the Net Book Agreement, an arrangement which allows publishers to set minimum prices on books. He is organising a £750,000 campaign starting this weekend to promote a number of popular titles at discounted prices.

It is a reasonably safe bet that some, if not all, of the Booker shortlist will feature in the campaign which will be promoted by television advertising. Last year's attempt by Mr Maher to sell

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Maher: plans to advertise low prices on television

DENZIL McNEELANCE

Into the light: Mr Mann, with his wife Sunnie, watching the Spitfire's victory roll at RAF Lyneham yesterday

Hurd demands freedom for trapped UN team

From James Bone in New York and Martin Fletcher in Washington

DOUGLAS Hurd, the foreign secretary, warned Iraq yesterday that its continued detention of a United Nations weapons inspection team in a Baghdad car park would have very grave consequences.

The White House said that a "stand-off" with Iraq over UN helicopter searches for hidden weapons sites had been resolved "for the moment". But it demanded that Baghdad should let the detained inspectors go. General Colin Powell, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, said that the documents found by the besieged inspectors were a goldmine of information on Iraq's secret nuclear programme and its worldwide supply network.

Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, said that an Iraqi letter to the UN Security Council pledging that UN helicopters would have unconditional access to Iraqi airspace appeared to meet UN ceasefire terms. "They have provided written assurances of unconditional acceptance of these surveillance flights and we will just watch and see if that happens," Mr Fitzwater said. Asked if America was still considering using warplanes and helicopter gunships to protect the surveillance helicopters, the White House official said: "We assume we will not have to do it."

With 100 American Patriot air defence missiles and 1,300 American servicemen on their way to Saudi Arabia, Britain, France and America were still said to be in minute-to-minute contact about possible action.

Documents seized by the UN inspectors revealed Iraq's worldwide network for procuring nuclear technology and equipment, General Powell told a congressional committee. For the first time, America and the UN had "smoking guns" to prove what they had long suspected about Iraq's clandestine activities, he said. He was confident that President Saddam Hussein's nuclear ambitions could now be thwarted.

The Patriot deployments meet a Saudi precondition for America's launching military operations from its territory. General Powell said that Mr Bush was preserving all options in deciding how to deal with Saddam's defiance. America had had enough of "this Perils of Pauline game we go through with the Iraqi government every few days, every week or two, as they dream up something new".

Les Aspin, chairman of the House armed services committee, said that he believed the Pentagon was planning a new military build-up in the Gulf, involving additional troops, aircraft, helicopters and ships, both to warn Saddam and to ensure that it had more than enough firepower at hand in case the confrontation worsened.

Mr Aspin foresaw warplanes accompanying the UN inspection helicopters and possibly troops accompanying the inspectors on the ground. That could lead into the bombing of Iraqi military targets.

Leonard Spector, a nuclear expert at the Carnegie Endowment, said that he believed the Pentagon had identified more than 100 such targets. American television reports claimed that an Iraqi defector had told the CIA the whereabouts of the critical documents seized by the UN inspectors.

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Yugoslav war leaders hold secret meeting

From Christopher Walker, in Zagreb

THE leaders of Serbia, Croatia and the Yugoslav army yesterday held a cloak-and-dagger meeting on the eve of today's resumed peace conference in The Hague and pledged to bolster the weekend's shaky ceasefire.

For many hours, no official confirmation was available that the meeting between President Franjo Tudjman of Croatia, the federal defence minister, General Veljko Kadijevic, and the Serbian leader, Slobodan Milosevic, had taken place. News of it was first leaked by a Yugoslav army general in Zagreb.

Meanwhile, ceasefire violations were taking place in eastern Croatia and along the Croatian coast.

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Spitfire salutes Mann's return to freedom

By Bill Frost

A SPITFIRE performed a victory roll over RAF Lyneham in Wiltshire yesterday as Jack Mann stepped on to British soil after his 865-day hostage ordeal in Beirut. Mr Mann, himself a former second world war fighter pilot, smiled broadly, punched the air in glee and mouthed the word "Wonderful".

Mr Mann was last night undergoing medical and psychological tests at the base after 2½ years in captivity which he described as "a living hell".

He said he had not seen another human face during all his time as a hostage held by the Revolutionary Justice Organisation. He told ITN that his kidnappers shackled him to a wall by a 3ft steel chain and forced him to cover his head with a towel when they entered his dank cell.

Mr Mann had been fed on a diet of bread and Lebanese cheese — "which he hated" — and lost three stone in weight during his time in captivity. When he was moved to new locations he was transported in car boots. The final time he was moved he was forced into a cardboard box.

The RAF VC-10 carrying Mr Mann and his wife Sunnie landed at Lyneham shortly after 1pm and a frail Mr Mann disembarked supported by a nurse. Mrs Mann said: "This is the most wonderful day of my life."

Her husband did not answer questions shouted by journalists. Douglas Hogg, the Foreign Office minister, was at Lyneham to welcome the couple. After a 20-minute private meeting Mr Hogg said: "Jack Mann is frail but in excellent spirit. He has retained his sense of humour and is generally in much better shape than I had expected."

Mr. Mann will stay at the base for at least a week and will be debriefed on his period in captivity.

Meanwhile John McCarthy, who was held by a separate group — described his captivity for the first time since his release. He said that he would often awake "terrified of the time, years and months, that I had lost, in which nothing had been achieved".

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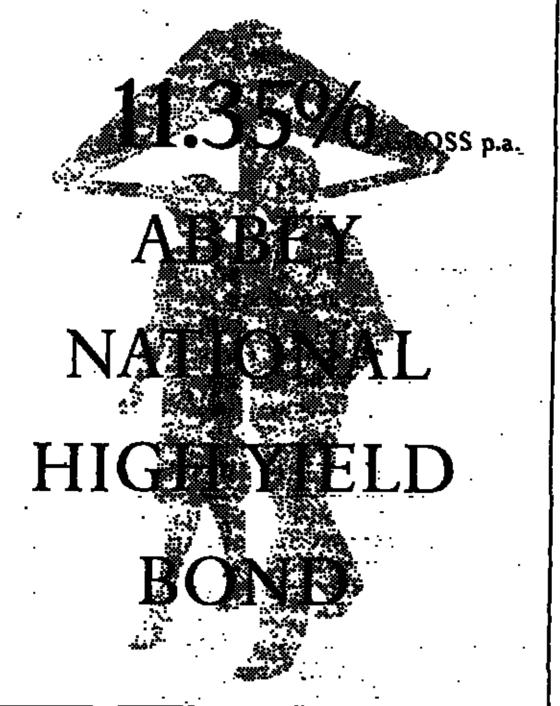

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Pay first, spend later on Russian credit cards

From Charles Bremner in Moscow

SINCE Russia is overflowing these days with budding *biznismeni*, *marketingmeni*, and even *publik releshunsmeni*, it was only a matter of time before someone provided them with their very own *kreditnaya* cards.

With much fanfare, the country formally entered the world of plastic money yesterday when Credobank, a new private company, launched the first Russian credit cards. But there is a catch: you get no credit. To qualify for one of the handsome blue cards issued by the Visa company, you have have to deposit the money you plan to spend in a special account and, of course, roubles will not do. The minimum deposit for one of the new cards is $10,000 (£5,880), an enormous sum by Soviet standards. But, said Visa executives, at least the card will end the humiliation inflicted on the growing band of travelling Russian businessmen by Western hotels and hire companies which require credit cards as deposits on rooms and cars.

"Only half a dozen countries in the world are without credit cards," said Igor Lipanov, a Credobank director. "Papua New Guinea, Mongolia and the Soviet Union are among them. Today we are putting our country in the other list." He said last night that his bank, a co-operative venture set up in 1989, had received about 20 applications during the day. "I think there will be significant demand."

Foreign cards have been eagerly accepted by tourist shops and hotels in the Soviet Union for 17 years and the communist authorities issued cards in the past to some of the world-travelling elite. (Though curiously, Mrs Raisa Gorbachev, the Kremlin's most famous shopper, was said by American Express not to own the famous gold card she used on her first trip to London). But for ordinary citizens, the notion of just saying "charge it" belongs to another world.

The criminal classes, however, are a different matter. According to Igor Fyodorov, the head of Intourservice, a state company which services foreign card-holders, the "mafia" has recently turned Russia into fertile ground for card fraud. "Our police have no idea at all about credit cards, so we have had to send them for special training," he said yesterday. On top of that there is not even any law yet making credit fraud an offence. But the police training has paid off so well. Mr Fyodorov's company has saved so much from it that he has been able to present a gift of 100 Audi cars to the Moscow constabulary, quite a move up market from their rattling old Moskviches and Ladas.

Toby Mitchell, the Briton who manages Visa in Russia, said he could envisage payment cards denominated in roubles within a couple of years. These however would have no use outside Russia unless the rouble is made convertible, an essential step on the excruciatingly difficult path to reforming the Soviet economy. Not the least of the obstacles facing credit companies is the antique Soviet telephone system, which makes computer checks virtually impossible.

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London Zoo chiefs survive scientists' call for resignation

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

SENIOR management at London Zoo survived heated calls for their resignation yesterday during a rowdy meeting. The calls were rejected for constitutional reasons but an attempt to unseat members of the council of the Zoology Society of London will be launched soon at an extraordinary general meeting when a formal motion of no confidence will be proposed.

At the society's annual general meeting at the zoo, attended by more than 300 fellows, a document in which the necessary 55 signatures for convening such a meeting was circulated. Fellows accused the council of pushing the zoo to the brink of closure with debts in the 1990-1 financial year of over £2 million. A number of fellows walked out during the four-hour meeting, which normally lasts only half an hour and attracts 40 people.

In spite of an upbeat report by the new treasurer, Peter Holwell, principal of London University, who announced measures designed to break even next year, fellows accused the council of running a "self-perpetuating oligarchy" that had produced a "second-class zoo". Colin Tudge, a zoologist and scientific fellow of the society, led the call for the resignation of senior officers and the establishment of an emergency committee to manage the zoo. "London Zoo is failing because it is unplanned, incoherent and out of touch with public tastes," Mr Tudge said.

Clinton Keeling, a zoologist and former curator, said: "The collection here is a national disgrace. There are plans to make the collection smaller and attendances will go down even further as news gets round that the collection is scarcely worth coming to see.

"We are told there will be a new emphasis on conservation but there is overwhelming evidence that the great British public is getting sick of conservation. Conservation has been rammed down their throats."

David Bellamy, the botanist and broadcaster, asked fellows to think twice before calling for resignations. Professor Avrion Mitchison, president of the society, promised fellows that constitutional changes, including greater democracy, would be considered by the council.

The acrimonious meeting comes in spite of growing optimism by the zoo's management that the threat of closure was diminishing. More than £2 million has been collected in the Save Our Zoo campaign from the public but negotiations for public-sector sponsorship of up to £50 million is still being negotiated.

Mr Holwell said his objective was to make the zoo break even by the end of the 1992-3 financial year through a policy of retrenchment; 59 people, about a third of the staff at the zoo would have been made redundant by the end of the month and another 25 would be leaving Whipsnade. The cost saving would amount to £1.7 million, just short of this year's deficit.

In spite of the recession, the past financial year's income had risen by 17 per cent and attendance had held up well at nearly 1.3 million.

Statistics 'fail to give ministers the full story'

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

GAPS in government statistics are limiting ministers' ability to monitor the effects of their policies and the changes taking place in society, a report by social scientists claims today.

The report criticises the limited amount of official data in areas such as employment, business, health, crime and languages and calls for greater uniformity in their collection and easier access to figures.

The report calls for the creation of a statutory national statistics council, to oversee the quality of official statistics, and the setting up of groups dealing with particular areas of policy to provide links with the relevant government departments. In recent years, politicans from both main parties have expressed concern about the quality of official statistics, a worry felt also in the City.

Gaps in figures and the ending of the collection of statistics in some areas has resulted in figures of a variable and limited quality, according to the report, *Improving Government Statistics*, published by the Social Science Forum.

"NHS statistics are so incomplete and of such poor quality that they cannot be used to accurately monitor the changes currently taking place in the health service," the report says. "The absence of an annual employment census seriously limits the ability of researchers to accurately monitor trends in the economy."

The report criticises cuts in production statistics, including the frequency of publication of monitors for most products from quarterly to annually and the reduction in the sample size of businesses from which material is collected. The changes have meant that many businesses could not monitor trends in markets, that the ability to check import penetration has been curtailed and that it is harder to judge how many firms manufacture particular products, the report says.

A lack of data would make it difficult for ministers to assess the impact of the increasing drive for more health care to be provided in the community rather than institutions.

Concern which launched crusade

As two Labour MPs are suspended **Philip Webster** examines Neil Kinnock's campaign against Militant

MILITANT links to Terry Fields and David Nellist have been alleged since they entered parliament in 1983. Even in those days, senior Labour right-wingers, including Denis Healey, were all for throwing them out.

At the time, Neil Kinnock's sustained crusade against the Trotskyist sect was only just getting under way. Neither he nor the impressive disciplinary machine he has installed during his leadership were ready for the turmoil that would have been created by the effective deselection of two newly elected MPs.

Over the past eight years the campaign has built up to a point where their suspension yesterday, a legalistic prelude to their expulsion, seemed inevitable.

Mr Kinnock's crackdown against Militant has been so successful that the organisation, no longer able to operate effectively inside the party, has been forced into the open. Its decision to put up a candidate against Labour in the Liverpool Walton by-election will be followed by other challenges.

However, Mr Kinnock was never going to win full credit for his efforts so long as Mr Fields and Mr Nellist remained on the opposition benches in the Commons as Labour MPs.

Mr Kinnock inherited the Militant battle from Michael Foot. It was under him that the sect was outlawed. Mr Kinnock came to detest Militant. The key battle came over the running of Liverpool. In an unforgettable scene at the Bournemouth conference he berated Derek Hatton and his friends for the "grotesque chaos of a Labour council hiring taxis to scuttle round the city handing out redundancy notices to its own workers". Mr Hatton, Tony Mulhearn and others were on their way out.

The Labour leader's campaign became increasingly self-confident. In the relative calm of the national constitutional committee hundreds of Militant supporters have ended their association with the party.

Suspended: Nellist outside Labour headquarters in Walworth Road yesterday

The disciplinary grip was so tight that even before the Liverpool Walton by-election serious debate was going on within parts of Militant about setting up an independent party. Its decision to stand in Walton delighted the Labour leadership, particularly John Evans, MP for St Helens North and Mr Kinnock's vital lieutenant on the national executive.

The open challenge meant that anyone supporting Lesley Mahmood, the Real Labour candidate, was laying themselves open to expulsion. Mr Evans and other MPs assiduously collected evidence during the campaign. Posters were noted, photographs taken. So far around 200 Labour party members have been suspended.

Ironically Walton gave Mr Kinnock the final spur to take on the MPs. Mr Fields failed to back Labour candidate Peter Kilfoyle and made a Commons speech attacking the moderate Labour leadership in Liverpool. His words condemned him and Mr Nellist.

● Neil Kinnock has yet to convince the public that he has won his long battle with Militant, according to a new opinion poll (writes Nicholas Wood).

An overwhelming 71 per cent of voters say they would be more likely to support Labour if it expelled all members of the sect.

The survey, by Mori for the Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust, suggests that the Labour leader's latest move against Terry Fields and Dave Nellist will prove popular with voters. But at the same time it indicates that the public is impatient at the pace of a crackdown that has so far led to the expulsion or suspension of more than 300 members of the hard left.

The close links between Labour and the unions are also shown to be a brake on support for the party. Sixty eight per cent said that they would be more likely to vote Labour if it stood up to the unions over the quality of public services.

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Woman in Harrier jet crash

A woman cadet pilot flying as a passenger in an RAF Harrier jet was in a serious condition last night after being the first woman to be ejected from a fighter plane (Michael Evans writes). The Harrier crashed into a field on a training flight.

Kate Saunders, from Solihull in the Midlands, a University Air Squadron cadet pilot who is normally used to flying in Bulldog light planes, received burns after her parachute caught fire. The Harrier pilot, giving her fast jet experience, ejected safely.

Miss Saunders, who has just completed her second year studying classics at Queen's College, Cambridge, was taken by Sea King helicopter to a special burns unit at Pinderfields hospital in Wakefield, West Yorkshire.

The RAF said that air squadron cadets frequently had the chance to ride in a fast jet, including Harriers. Although they received ejection training on the ground, no one ever carried out a training ejection from an aircraft because of the potential risks.

Cancer patient lacked care

A leukaemia patient died due to misadventure and lack of care, a jury at Wirral coroner's court held yesterday. After the verdict on Lee Rainford, aged 23, his father, Kenneth Rainford, said that he would seek prosecution of those involved in the death.

Lee Rainford died after receiving an overdose of a chemotherapy drug at Arrowe Park hospital, Birkenhead. A locum registrar, Susan Kearney, admitted an error. Other doctors failed to detect it.

Watson critical

The boxer Michael Watson remained critically ill in intensive care yesterday at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London. A spokesman said: "There has been no significant change regarding Mr Watson. He has remained stable though he continues to be in a critical condition." Watson, aged 26, suffered severe brain damage in a title fight with Chris Eubank on Saturday.

Opera go-ahead

The government has given its consent to the first stage of the redevelopment and improvement of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. Welcoming the announcement, Angus Stirling, the opera house chairman, said that it would at long last enable a start to be made on the scheme, which has been subject to protracted disputes and delays and which is expected to cost at least £200 million.

Land enquiries

The opening up of the land register in England and Wales last December has led to about 1,000 enquiries a day from the public, the Land Registry notes in its annual report, published yesterday. During the year, 15.6 million registration applications were received, 15 per cent below that for 1989-90 and 24 per cent below the peak year of 1988-9 reflecting the depressed property market.

CORRECTION

In his review of Scottish Opera's production of *La Clemenza di Tito* (August 31), Stephen Pettitt referred to repetition of the words "Oh I'm feeling so tormented." No such line appeared in the English translation by Amanda Holden, and we apologise for suggesting that it had.

Channel rail link details expected within 3 weeks

By MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Rail has told five London estate agents operating in south London to be prepared for a government decision on the route of the Channel tunnel high speed rail link within three weeks.

As soon as Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, announces his decision, local estate agents will be given details of the route, the streets and houses affected, and any additional properties that it will be willing to buy, BR said.

The exercise is designed to help estate agents to eliminate some of the property blight that has affected residential areas along the 69-mile route, particularly in southeast London. Many of those areas have suffered property blight unnecessarily, BR said.

The decision to give estate agents with outlets in south London advance warning of a government announcement on the rail link suggests, however, that BR is confident Mr Rifkind will endorse its recommendation for a southerly approach into central London rather than an easterly approach via Stratford.

BR had hoped for a government decision before parliament's summer recess. But Mr Rifkind said more time would be needed to evaluate all the route options. A decision is now expected shortly after the new parliamentary session begins on October 14.

During a meeting on Monday with representatives of the estate agents Barnard Marcus, Burnett Ware & Graves, Roy Brookes, Abbey National Cornerstone, and Woolwich Property Services, Gil Howarth, the direcor of the Channel tunnel rail link project, said that BR had already bought about 1,000 properties under the voluntary purchase scheme introduced in March 1989.

All the properties bought were within or near the 250 metre corridor identified by BR's 1989 rail link plan. Many of these properties are now outside the revised rail link proposals, and have been put back on the market leaving BR facing a loss because of the property market slump.

Mr Howarth confirmed, however, that if a southerly approach is endorsed, BR will go ahead with plans to build a £50 million underground junction at Warwick Gardens between Peckham and Camberwell in southeast London. The rail link will then descend into a tunnel, running parallel with mainline into Victoria, before crossing under the Thames, and emerging at King's Cross station.

Times man designs Christmas stamps

By ROBIN YOUNG

THIS year's Christmas stamps have been designed by David Driver, head of design at *The Times*.

The set of five stamps depicting nativity scenes and based on illuminations from a 14th century Venetian manuscript called *Acts of Mary and Jesus* which is in the collection of the Bodleian Library, Oxford, marks the 25th anniversary of the Royal Mail's special Christmas stamps. Keith Fisher, general manager of Royal Mail Stamps, described them yesterday as "a jewel in the crown of our 25 years of Christmas stamps".

To find medieval illuminations which could serve as the basis for the designs, Mr Driver's wife, Sara, went through photographic copies of hundreds of manuscripts in the collections of both the British Library and the Bodleian. She directed his attention specially to the lavish *Acts of Mary and Jesus*, which came to Oxford in the collection of a Venetian Jesuit purchased in 1817, after some French illuminations on which he had started work proved to be too minutely detailed to reproduce satisfactorily.

Mr Driver said yesterday: "Humour had a lot to do with the choice. Many illuminations of the Christmas story are rather Gothic and austere, lacking warmth and charm. The *Acts of Mary and Jesus* manuscript is packed with humour and warmth."

The 18p stamp, the most popular for Christmas cards, shows the adoration of the Magi within the letter P. The 24p first class stamp carries the letter M and portrays Mary placing Jesus in the manger. The flight into Egypt is captured inside the letter N on the 39p stamp, the annunciation is contained in a Q on the 39p, and an angel warning Joseph to flee the wrath of King Herod adorns the 28p stamp with a letter A.

Mr Driver said: "When I finally cracked the problem of how to get the details of the illuminations onto the stamps I worked through the night and finished a complete set of colour roughs between 10pm and five in the morning." He has also designed a first-day cover, featuring St Epiphanius, a fourth century archbishop clothed in red and gold working on a scroll. A presentation pack of the stamps, priced at £1.75, will contain a full set of stamps and an illustrated story about illuminated manuscripts and the professional scribes who copied them, designed by Mr Driver and with text by his wife.

The stamps go on sale on November 12, and it is estimated that the Royal Mail will sell about 650 million of them.

The 18p and 24p stamps, "jewels in the crown of Royal Mail stamps", and, right, Mr Driver

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Tasting freedom: Jack Mann returns to Britain as John McCarthy talks of his ordeal as a hostage in Beirut

Hostage flies back looking frail but relaxed and smiling

By Bill Frost

EXHAUSTION and strain vanished from Jack Mann's face yesterday just minutes after his arrival at RAF Lyneham, Wiltshire. The freed hostage grinned broadly, clenched his fists and shook them with glee as a Spitfire swooped low over the runway to celebrate his release.

The RAF VC-10 which brought him from Damascus to Britain touched down shortly after 1pm. The flight's arrival had been delayed after an hydraulic system failure forced the pilot to land in Cyprus for emergency repairs.

To those on the ground at Lyneham it appeared the fault was still unresolved. One set of wheels was down, the other still retracted. However the landing was perfect.

During the flight from Cyprus to Lyneham, Mr Mann cracked jokes with the crew, and drank champagne and a glass or two of beer. Gareth Manning, senior medical officer with the team who travelled back to Britain with Mr Mann, said: "He is certainly very frail and very thin but also very relaxed and very resilient."

A cheer went up among journalists, RAF personnel and their families as Mr Mann appeared at the top of the aircraft steps. Walking with difficulty, Mr Mann was supported by a nurse. His wife, dressed in a white trouser suit and carrying a large bouquet of flowers, followed him onto the tarmac where the ground crew stood to attention.

Mr Mann — looking frail and older than his 77 years — shook hands with Group Captain Ian Corbitt, the base commander. The roar of an approaching Spitfire brought an abrupt end to their conversation. Mr Mann, a former RAF fighter pilot and decorated for bravery in the second world war, shielded his eyes against the sun and watched as the plane circled Lyneham before coming over again at 250ft.

Group Captain Corbitt had told journalists before Mr Mann's arrival that it had been decided the freed hostage would make no public statement. He was still finding it difficult to speak after his period in captivity.

Sunnie Mann, her husband at her side said: "This is the most wonderful day of my life. I can't thank everybody enough for all the help we have had over the last 2½ years."

After their arrival the Manns were taken to the VIP suite at Lyneham where John McCarthy stayed following his release from captivity. Mr Mann will undergo extensive medical tests and be examined by psychologists.

The suite has been stocked with a selection of drinks. "Mr Mann is known to enjoy a glass of bitter. He can have whatever he likes whenever he wants it," said Wing Commander Clive Cooper, senior officer with the administration wing at Lyneham.

There was some surprise that the Manns had been flown to Britain at all — the country the couple left 45 years ago saying they could no longer stand the weather.

However, officials pointed out privately that Mr Mann would undergo a lengthy debriefing in addition to medical tests.

Three members of the family were at Lyneham to greet the couple on their return yesterday. Alan Roberts, Mr Mann's nephew said: "This has been a bewildering 24 hours for all of us. There were so many disappointments in the past, times when we gave up hope. But this is wonderful."

Douglas Hogg, the Foreign Office minister, was at Lyneham to welcome Mr Mann. After a 20-minute private meeting Mr Hogg said: "We are delighted to have him back in the UK. He's frail but in excellent spirits."

Mr Hogg thanked the United Nations Secretary General and the governments of Iran, Israel, Syria and Lebanon for their efforts in winning Mr Mann's release. The British government would continue to do all it could to sustain the momentum so a successful outcome could be reached to the hostage question, he said.

"This is a very happy occasion but it is tinged with sadness while Terry Waite and others remain in captivity," Mr Hogg added.

The duration of the Manns' stay at Lyneham will be decided by the couple themselves. Should doctors decide they need to carry out more detailed tests on Mr Mann he will be taken to the RAF hospital at Wroughton, near Lyneham. Although his spirits are said to be high concern has been expressed over his general health.

Mr Mann earlier showed that two-and-a-half years' captivity has not stopped him appreciating a pretty girl. As he was assisted from the plane at Cyprus by Flight Sergeant Annie Dobson, he called to his wife: "I don't know about you, but I'm fixed up for the night."

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After the darkness, a window on joy

He existed on a diet of self-respect. Now, reports **Lin Jenkins**, John McCarthy is savouring the food of love

SIX weeks after his release from the fear and frustration of captivity John McCarthy is rebuilding his life and rediscovering his love for the woman who fought so hard not to let him be forgotten.

Jill Morrell sat at his side as he recounted some of the memories of his grim incarceration and spoke of his slow readjustment to normal life, albeit as a national celebrity.

He answered questions with clarity and humour despite his admission that his greatest apprehension about freedom was coping with press conferences, and deferred to Miss Morrell when the subject of their relationship was raised. She admitted she had said she did not know what would happen once he returned and added: "I'm very happy now that he is back that we are together." It was too soon to talk about marriage.

In learning to cope with life as a free man, Mr McCarthy, aged 34, said he owed a great debt to Miss Morrell and other friends and family, and to his fellow hostages, whose friendship and humour had supported him through the dark years.

Speaking at a press conference at the London offices of his employers, Worldwide Television News, he described Brian Keenan as "the rock on which I built my survival" and paid tribute to his "courage, wit and wildness". "What he sought for both of us, and helped me to find, was a way to maintain human dignity, self-respect."

He spoke for the first time since his release of the early years when, with no access to books, radios or any news of the outside world, the pair discussed their travels, books they had read and Mr Keenan's bizarre ideas, such as the potential of yak farming in Patagonia. During that time he would awake "terrified of the time — years and months — that I had lost, in which nothing had been achieved".

The American hostages Terry Anderson and Tom Sutherland, with whom he was reunited after Mr Keenan's release, gave him constant and unfailing strength, and one of the most rewarding aspects of freedom had been telling their families that they continued in good health, undaunted by the dark years.

He said he had met Terry Waite just before Christmas, when the church envoy had been kept alone for almost four years. "Yet within a few hours he was chatting away as if that huge chasm had never existed." Declining to speak in detail about the horrors of captivity for fear of jeopardising the safety of the remaining hostages, he said he was a model of rehabilitation and bore no deep-seated bitterness or anger towards his guards.

He was especially delighted to be speaking of his ordeal for the first time on the day Jack Mann arrived back in Britain. He felt sure that a week or two at RAF Lyneham would do him good and help him readjust to freedom as it had done for himself.

Of all the things he has enjoyed since his return, he selected a simple act, a poignant symbol of freedom, as the finest: "To wake up in the morning and open the curtains and just look out of the window, that starts the day perfectly."

STEPHEN MARKESON

Freedom regained: Jill Morrell and John McCarthy are rediscovering their love for one another

Husband was shot dead in front of wife and guests

A WIFE yesterday told a court how her husband was shot dead in front of her in a brutal end to an illicit affair.

Mary Ward said Stewart Porter came into her front room where she and her husband were entertaining friends and produced a grenade and handgun. "I thought it was one of those strip-a-gram joke things," she told the Central Criminal Court.

Mr Porter, aged 33, who had discovered that his wife Nicola was having an affair with Mrs Ward's husband Alan, ordered him into the centre of the room and shot him in the head. Then when Mrs Ward and her friends pleaded to call an ambulance, Mr Porter told them: "Not as long as I can see breath in his body."

Mrs Ward, a British Telecom worker, from Hendon, north London, said that after shooting her husband, Mr Porter made them wait 20 minutes before he left, to ensure his victim was dead.

She was giving evidence from behind a screen against the man alleged by the prosecution to have carried out "an execution by a wronged husband".

Mr Porter, a Heathrow security guard, of Edgware, denies murdering his wife Nicola, aged 28, and Mr Ward, a council official aged 44, in September last year but has admitted manslaughter. The prosecution claims he found out about their affair by accidentally eavesdropping on a telephone extension at his home and hearing the two talk.

Mrs Ward told the jury her husband met Mr Porter the next day at a hamburger bar and later telephoned him to say the affair was over. Her husband had tried to be reasonable but she heard Mr Porter say on the telephone: "You are a dead man."

The day before the killings, Mr Porter rang her to say a private detective had seen his wife and Mr Ward keep a rendezvous in Finchley. "They are at it again," he had said.

The trial continues today.

Ward: was screened from the accused in court

Therapy sessions upset Orkney boy

By Kerry Gill

ONE of the nine Orkney children seized by social workers in February complained that he was coached during interviews with officers of the Royal Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, the judicial enquiry was told yesterday.

The boy, aged 15, referred to only as SM, attended six "disclosure therapy" sessions during the five weeks he spent away from his island home. The enquiry in Kirkwall was told that he became agitated before interviews and afterwards suffered confusion. He was held at Geilsland residential school in Beith, Ayrshire, and underwent the sessions at a centre run by the society at Strathaven, 25 miles away.

Ranald Mair, the school head, was asked about notes made by a member of his staff based on what SM had said after one session. It was recorded that on the journey back to Geilsland, the boy was very upset. SM had told the staff member: "All they did was try to trip me up and say things that did not happen and that I knew nothing about."

Mr Mair said he had been instructed to keep the boy's presence at the school secret.

The children were returned home in early April after David Kelbie, a sheriff, criticised social workers' handling of the affair. He said children had been cross-examined to get them to admit to having been abused.

The enquiry continues today.

Seven-year jail for copycat blackmail

A COPYCAT blackmailer was jailed for seven and a half years at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for threatening to poison food at a Sainsbury's store.

Mark Finbow, aged 25, was inspired by the case of Rodney Witchelo, a former detective sergeant, who contaminated baby food jars and pet food cans on supermarket shelves throughout the country in a multi-million pound blackmail attempt.

Finbow warned Sainsbury's that catastrophe would follow if it failed to pay cash in used and untraceable notes in his £1 million blackmail attempt. He changed his plea to guilty of blackmail at the end of the prosecution case against him. His mother, Patricia Finbow, aged 51, of Euston, central London, had been cleared earlier of plotting with her son and freed.

Finbow, of no fixed address, was "a weak-minded inadequate failure" who had foolish dreams, Michael Austin-Smith, for the defence, told the court.

"His background is littered with failure scholastically, socially, maritally and professionally. He lived in a Walter Mitty world."

Judge Machin said he accepted there was a degree of amateurism about the offence but was satisfied Finbow intended it to succeed. "No food combine could proceed on the basis that the threat was one which would never be put into operation."

Reporter 'tried to rip off PC's moustache'

By Richard Duce

THE tale of the taxi driver, hotel manager and two policemen unfolded yesterday as all four claimed they were verbal victims of a tired and emotional tabloid journalist.

Rob Skellon was a reporter with *The Sun* when police had to be called to a Dorset hotel to deal with a dispute over an unpaid taxi fare. Mr Skellon was so drunk he then tried to rip off one officer's moustache claiming it had to a be a fake, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

News of Mr Skellon's alleged antics in Bridport, where he he was covering the story of a kidnapped schoolgirl, later appeared in the *Private Eye* and he was subsequently dismissed by his employers, News Group Newspapers.

Police Constable Nathaniel Cameron, one of two officers called to the hotel told the tribunal in Woburn Place, central London: "He said I was a pathetic Scottish policeman, with a pathetic Scottish moustache and he made an attempt to pull it off."

The dispute was eventually resolved when Mr Skellon, who had first tried to pay his £6 fare with a £50 note and then demanded the hotel put the fare on his bill, paid the driver by cheque. He was not arrested but the hotel manager then demanded he leave.

The taxi driver, Gregory Butchart, said: "I have four years experience of driving. I can tell who is drunk and who is tired." On a one to ten scale of drunkenness he was a "definite ten."

Mr Skellon, aged 40, of Bristol, is claiming he was unfairly dismissed. He was not at the hearing saying he was "too distressed." New Group Newspapers accepts that the proper dismisal procedure was not followed but disputes the amount of compensation. William Newman, general manager of *The Sun*, said Mr Skellon was dismissed eventally after an earlier incident at a hotel in Ross-on-Wye when the police had to be called and after expenses of between £2,000 and £3,000 spent on alcohol were queried. Mr Skellon, who covered the West of England, was dismissed at a meeting in a Bristol public house on September 17 last year.

The hearing continues today.

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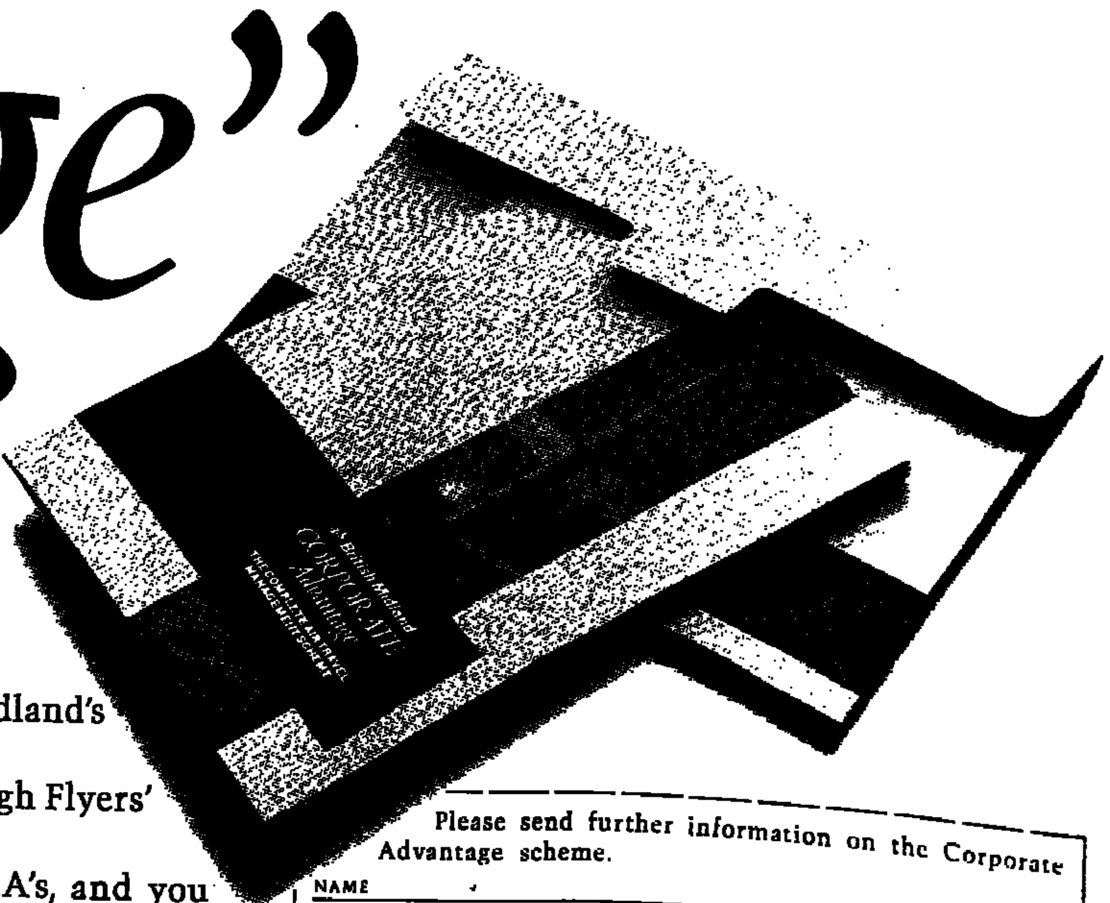

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Heseltine squares up to critics with green policy review

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE failures of government departments to achieve their environmental objectives were officially highlighted yesterday when Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, launched a frank account of the government's green record over the past year.

In a 200-page report the department set out progress on all 352 policy aims of the 1990 environment white paper produced by his predecessor, Chris Patten, from energy efficiency labelling schemes to improving protection for ancient monuments. Mr Heseltine applauded the 200-plus objectives he said had been achieved but also clearly indicated, by nearly 20 gaps in the tables, what had been promised but not done. Other departments besides his own — energy, transport, agriculture and education — were also listed as culpable.

Among the successes in the last year were international agreement on protection for Antarctica, new schemes to restore traditional English landscapes and repair cathedrals, a £5 million scheme to increase environmental skills in Eastern Europe, and agreements in Europe on controls over CFCs, car and lorry emissions, and nitrate pollution of water.

However, failures admitted in the report included no new work on renewable energy sources (energy department), no addition yet of engine tuning to the MOT test (transport department) and no "greening" yet of the EC allowance scheme for sheep farmers in the hills (agriculture ministry).

Asked if his ministerial colleagues would be happy at such exposure, Mr Heseltine said that all departments had put their name to the exercise, which had been authorised by John Major. It was unique in the world, he said; its aim was to impose management discipline on all areas of environmental policy through public accountability. The report will be repeated each year.

The frankness of Mr Heseltine's report surprised some of the environmental pressure groups, who used the occasion for their own critiques of the government's record, which nearly all found wanting to some extent.

"We welcome the report because it seems to be an unprecedented example of open government, which other countries could follow," David Gee, director of Friends of the Earth, said.

"It must be good news when any government is happy to publish its failures, although there is a much longer list of failures that are not in there," he added.

Bryan Gould, the shadow environment spokesman, said that the report was an astonishing own goal by the government. "Today's publication puts the environment back at the top of the pre-election agenda, when everyone agrees that the government has nothing to boast about," he said.

Mr Heseltine admitted that openness was a high-risk strategy politically, but set out to make a virtue of it, giving credit to John Major. "He has authorised the publication annually of this report, and that is a huge thing for a prime minister to do," he said. "He knows that once a year this sort of technique is going to expose his government to the most rigorous criticism anywhere in the world."

It did. The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds said that over the past year the government's commitment to nature conservation had been tested and found wanting, citing the damage in 1990 to more than 300 Sites of Special Scientific Interest and the failure to bring in a national coastal policy to protect estuaries. Greenpeace said the government's record had been characterised by confusion and gross incompetence, alleging increases in the import of hazardous wastes and insufficient investment by the newly privatsed water companies.

Other failures listed in the report include:

☐ No work yet on encouraging the use of urban land to take the pressure off other areas of environmental value;

☐ No review or strengthening of the building regulations;

☐ Failure to issue new advice on avoiding passive smoking;

☐ No action to reduce levels of dioxins in the environment;

☐ No introduction yet of an environmental labelling scheme;

☐ No arrangements for returning to customers nuclear waste arising from post-1976 reprocessing contracts;

☐ No new guidance on siting developments to avoid noise nuisance;

☐ No extension of the powers to control construction site noise to other similar activities, such as mineral workings

☐ No energy labelling and environmental labelling of building products;

☐ No widening yet of the remit of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution.

Two commitments to improve the environment in Northern Ireland are also listed as not having been met: to prepare a comprehensive environmental strategy for the province, and to adopt good environmental practice in the management of the government's own estate. The Northern Ireland Office is listed as the culpable department.

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TIM BISHOP

The way ahead: Mr Heseltine launching the report

Claims on peat bog extent countered

By JOHN YOUNG

CLAIMS that Britain still had vast peat resources and that continued extraction posed no serious threat were misleading, an enquiry at the Natural History Museum in London was told yesterday.

Richard Lindsay, of the Nature Conservancy Council for Scotland, said that Britain possessed more than one million hectares (2.5 million acres) of acid peat. But most of that consisted of "blanket bog" covering the moorlands of England, Wales and Scotland and the Flow Country of Caithness and Sutherland.

The rarer and more vulnerable lowland bogs, known as raised mires, occupied only about 87,000 hectares. A study of one of the richest areas of lowland bog in Scotland showed that about 87 per cent had been lost. The enquiry, which plans two further sessions, has been called by Plantlife, an organisation established by the botanist David Bellamy to press for greater protection for rare plant species.

Mr Lindsay's figures conflicted with those in a report to the enquiry by the Centre for Agricultural Strategy, at Reading University, on behalf of the Peat Producers' Association. It says that raised mires cover 116,000 hectares in the United Kingdom.

Cheapest wedding costs £50

By PETER VICTOR

THE happiest day of a bride and groom's life could be also the most expensive. The average amount spent on weddings in Britain is £9,212. But couples can tie the knot for anything from £50 to more than £70,000.

A survey of 500 brides-to-be by *You and Your Wedding* magazine showed a large gap between the most and the least spent on weddings. Couples paid between £40 and £25,000 for catering. That did not, however, include drinks, the cost of the venue/marquee, £4,000, or the £3,000 cake.

While couples could get married for under £50 — register office fees of £31 plus £11.34 for a bottle of Tesco champagne — the total for the cheapest wedding "with all the trimmings" came to £675. The most expensive totalled £77,500. Engagement rings were bought for between £50 and £3,000, and drinks bills were between £40 and £5,000.

The survey also showed that the average age of the brides was 24, although in the South it was 25 and in the North 23. Grooms, on average, are 26 and the couples will have been together for three years and nine months — engaged for the last 18 months — by the time of their wedding day.

For 91 per cent of the survey sample, it is their first marriage, with 88 per cent getting married in church.

COST OF WEDDINGS

	Average £	Minimum £	Maximum £
Engagement ring	581	50	3,000
Wedding ring	136	20	1,500
Groom's wedding ring	123	20	965
Engagement party	279	20	4,000
Wedding dress	582	50	4,150
Headdress and veil	104	10	850
Shoes, accessories, etc	89	10	650
Bridesmaids' outfits	253	20	1,000
Pageboys' outfits	81	20	500
Groom's wedding attire	144	20	1,000
Bride's bouquet	60	10	740
Bridesmaids' flowers	66	5	600
Buttonholes, corsages	46	4	400
Flowers for church and reception	151	15	3,000
Wedding car/carriages	196	15	1,500
Church fees	105	15	1,056
Invitations and stationery	150	6	1,045
Photographs	286	5	1,960
Video	204	10	2,000
Reception venue/marquee hire	846	25	4,000
Catering	1,468	40	25,000
Drinks/wine/champagne	471	40	5,000
Wedding cake	133	15	750
Evening wedding party	489	60	3,000
Going away outfit	123	20	901
First night hotel	119	25	500
Honeymoon	1,575	100	5,500
Other expenses	352	25	3,000
Total	9,212	675	77,567

Source: 1991 You and Your Wedding magazine

ADRIAN BROOKS

In practice: Sudha Bhuchar, who has joined *The Archers*, with a cast-iron lion outside the Law Society

Asian rival for Shula goes on air

THE actress playing the first Asian character to join *The Archers* admitted yesterday that she had never listened to the everyday story of country folk.

Sudha Bhuchar made history on the programme last night when she joined the cast as a solicitor in Borchester. However, until BBC Radio 4 asked her to an audition, she had never heard of the serial.

"I have a small radio at home, but hardly ever listen to it and I don't drive a car, where a lot of people listen in," said Miss Bhuchar, aged 29, who plays the Kiran Bedi in Channel 4's Asian soap, *Family Pride*.

In *The Archers*, Miss Bhuchar Sudha, plays Usha Gupta in Mark Hebden's new Borchester practice.

Jail 'cheaper than bail'

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

IT CAN be cheaper to put remand defendants in jail than to let them have bail, allowing them to commit new crimes, a police conference was told yesterday.

Figures based on research by Northumbria police and reported to the annual conference of the Police Superintendents' Association in Torquay are certain to fuel the debate on bail offenders. Next month chief constables are to meet Home Office officials to discuss the issue, which has drawn claims from penal reformers that police have exaggerated the problem.

A survey in North Tyneside in 1989 showed that 659 defendants on bail committed 4,915 fresh offences. Taking Home Office estimates for the cost of crimes and custody, Northumbria police estimated the crimes committed by offenders on bail cost £1.79 million. Placing offenders in custody on remand would have cost £1.62 million, calculated on a Home Office estimate that defendants spend an average of ten weeks between arrest and coming to trial.

Inspector Jim Lillie, of the Northumbria team involved in the research, told the conference that the debate was not about jail rather than bail. He said the whole criminal justice system was to blame for the failures of the bail system. He emphasised that the cost figures had to be treated with caution because they were a rough calculation spurred by the criticism which the research team has generated. Mr Lillie said the real cost lay not in figures but in human terms: the victims on one side balanced against the offenders on the other.

The core of the Northumbria research, published earlier this month, showed that 3,525 defendants were given bail and 18 per cent were rearrested for fresh crimes while free. The researchers found that 40 per cent of crimes detected by police were committed by defendants on bail. They discovered people on remand accounted for 53 per cent of house burglaries, 54 per cent of thefts from cars and 44 per cent of taking away or stealing vehicles.

People who admitted three or more offences on bail made up 17 per cent of post-bail offenders. Mr Lillie said that one person eventually admitted 274 offences, of which 253 were committed on bail.

He said four teenagers had each admitted more than 100 crimes and most offences involved a group aged between 14 and 20. Six children aged ten were arrested on bail. Overall there were 1,397 arrests of offenders who were on bail.

Julie Ward murder hearing

Two former game wardens are to face trial for the murder of Julie Ward, whose charred and mutilated remains were found in the Masai Mara national park in Kenya three years ago. Jonah Tajeu Magiroi, aged 28, and Peter Metui Kipeen, aged 26, were committed yesterday for trial at the Kenyan High Court in Nairobi (Peter Victor writes).

John Ward, the 28-year-old girl's father, who has campaigned to discover the truth behind his daughter's death, said he was sceptical about the outcome. "It is just another stepping stone," he said. Mr Ward, a hotelier from Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, will attend the hearing.

When Miss Ward's remains were found in September 1988 police at first said she had been eaten by wild animals. An official inquest a year later found that she had been murdered.

Guinness jury

A jury was selected at Southwark crown court to try two former merchant bankers in the second Guinness fraud trial, starting today. Lord Spens, aged 49, and Roger Seelig, aged 46, face charges arising from an illegal share support operation mounted by Guinness during its takeover battle for the Scottish drinks group Distillers.

Murder denied

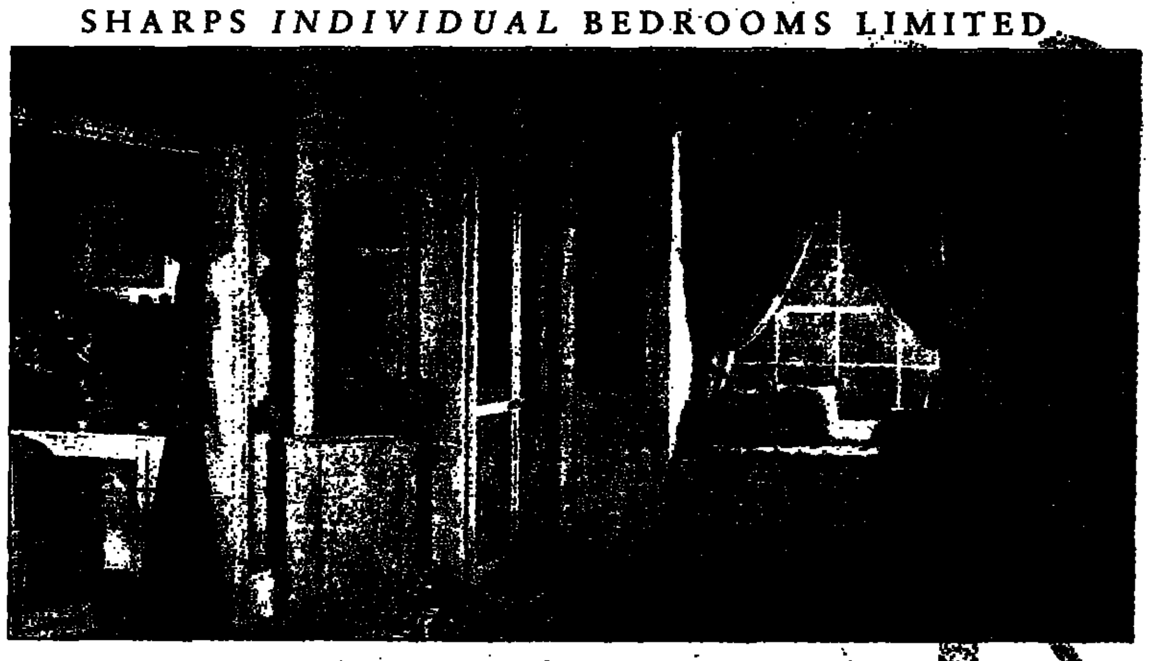
Albert Dryden, arrested after a televised shooting incident, denied murdering a planning officer and attempting to murder a reporter and a policeman. Dryden, aged 51, of Consett, Co Durham, was appearing at a pre-trial review at Newcastle crown court.

Death remand

A 47-year-old man accused of murdering his parents was remanded in custody until October 2 when he appeared at Highbury magistrates' court. Angelo Englezos of Eltham, south London, is charged with murdering Nina Englezos, aged 66, and Christakis Englezos, aged 72.

Greener valleys

A Welsh environmental initiative, focusing on land reclamation, forestry and energy conservation was launched by the Welsh secretary David Hunt. The largest investment, £31 million, will be spent in Merthyr Tydfil.



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Barnardo's drops Christian image after 125 years

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

BARNARDO'S, Britain's largest children's charity, is stepping back from its exclusively Christian image.

The charity, which helps 20,000 children a year at a cost of more than £1 million a week, is to apply to the charity commissioners for permission to change its articles of association. From next week, job advertisements will no longer bear the legend stating that Barnardo's is a Christian child care organisation.

Barnardo's council, the charity's governing body, has decided it no longer wishes the charity to be defined in its articles of association as a Christian organisation operating in a protestant tradition, with one of three objects being the promotion of the Christian faith. The charity commissioners will be asked to approve the change of wording to "an association whose inspirations and values derive from the Christian faith". Barnardo's, founded 125 years ago by the Victorian evangelical Dr Thomas Barnardo, sees the change as essential to meet the needs of a multi-cultural and multi-faith society.

The charity was founded in a time of evangelistic zeal. Lord Shaftesbury, the evangelical reformer, and William Booth, the radical Methodist revivalist and founder of the Salvation Army, were friends in east London and worked with Dr Barnardo to help the destitute.

Andrew Coker, head of publicity, said: "Today the charity works in a multi-faith society in which an exclusively Christian stance could hinder the care and help for children and young people."

Job applicants will no longer be asked how they feel about the fact that Barnardo's is a Christian organisation. They will instead be told that the charity is derived from the Christian faith and is an equal opportunities employer. Roger Singleton, senior director, said: "Barnardo's has been committed to equality of employment and care for years, but it has not been perceived that way. That is why we have reviewed our basis and decided to change it in line with the changing circumstances of today." Religion will be included in the equal opportunities policy.

The change comes after two years of debate by the Christian Outlook committee. The committee included Usha Ladwa-Thomas, a Hindu who has been with the charity for seven years. The Rev David Gamble, of the Methodist church youth and education division, and a member of Barnardo's council, said: "We already have people from various faiths and philosophies who work within Barnardo's. In some of our projects it is almost necessary for a person to be of another faith. Society has moved on.

"We hope Muslims might want to work with us because, in a secular society, we are an organisation that takes faith seriously."

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Jail again for man in death plot

A man living in fear since being freed last year from a prison term imposed for his part in a murder attempt on Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, was jailed again yesterday. Colin Gray, of Rathcoole, Co Antrim, admitted attacking his former business partner last December.

Gray, aged 34, drove the getaway car in the 1984 murder attempt and was jailed for 12 years, but released on licence last year. Yesterday, at Belfast crown court, he was jailed for 18 months for breaking parole. He was also jailed for three years, making four and a half years, for "severely beating" the partner, to whom he had sold a share of his taxi business. He received concurrent terms for threatening to kill the partner, burning his car, and arson of the home of the partner's neighbour.

At Belfast crown court, Mr Justice Nicholson said that Gray had believed he was owed money from the taxi business profit. He accepted that, since being freed, Gray had lived in fear of retaliation for the murder attempt.

New charges over crash

The man accused of causing the deaths of five young people by reckless driving at Swindon, Wiltshire, faced two new charges when he appeared before magistrates.

Shaun Gooch, aged 24, of Penhill, Swindon, was also charged with driving while disqualified and driving without insurance. He was remanded in custody for seven days, but is not expected in court until October 23. There was no application for bail.

Arms enquiry

The Crown Prosecution Service has decided not to prosecute a prison officer over alleged smuggling of imitation firearms into Winchester prison. The officer faces a disciplinary enquiry.

Car returned

Thieves returned a £25,000 Vauxhall Senator undamaged ten weeks after it was stolen. They returned it to the car park space from which it had been taken in Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, and called police to say it was there.

Seven injured

Henry Herron, aged 53, a milkman, and two deliverymen were injured when a stolen car hit their float. Four youths were taken to hospital after the car had been driven through Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, at up to 70mph.

£1m helping

The fast-food chain McDonald's has given £1 million towards building a £1.5 million family accommodation block at the Alder Hey children's hospital at Liverpool.

Bug hits sailors

A 24-hour food poisoning bug has struck down 200 men on the aircraft carrier Ark Royal during exercises off the coast of the United States.

Patient dies

A woman aged 20 has died of the brain disease meningitis 12 hours after being admitted to Basildon hospital, Essex.

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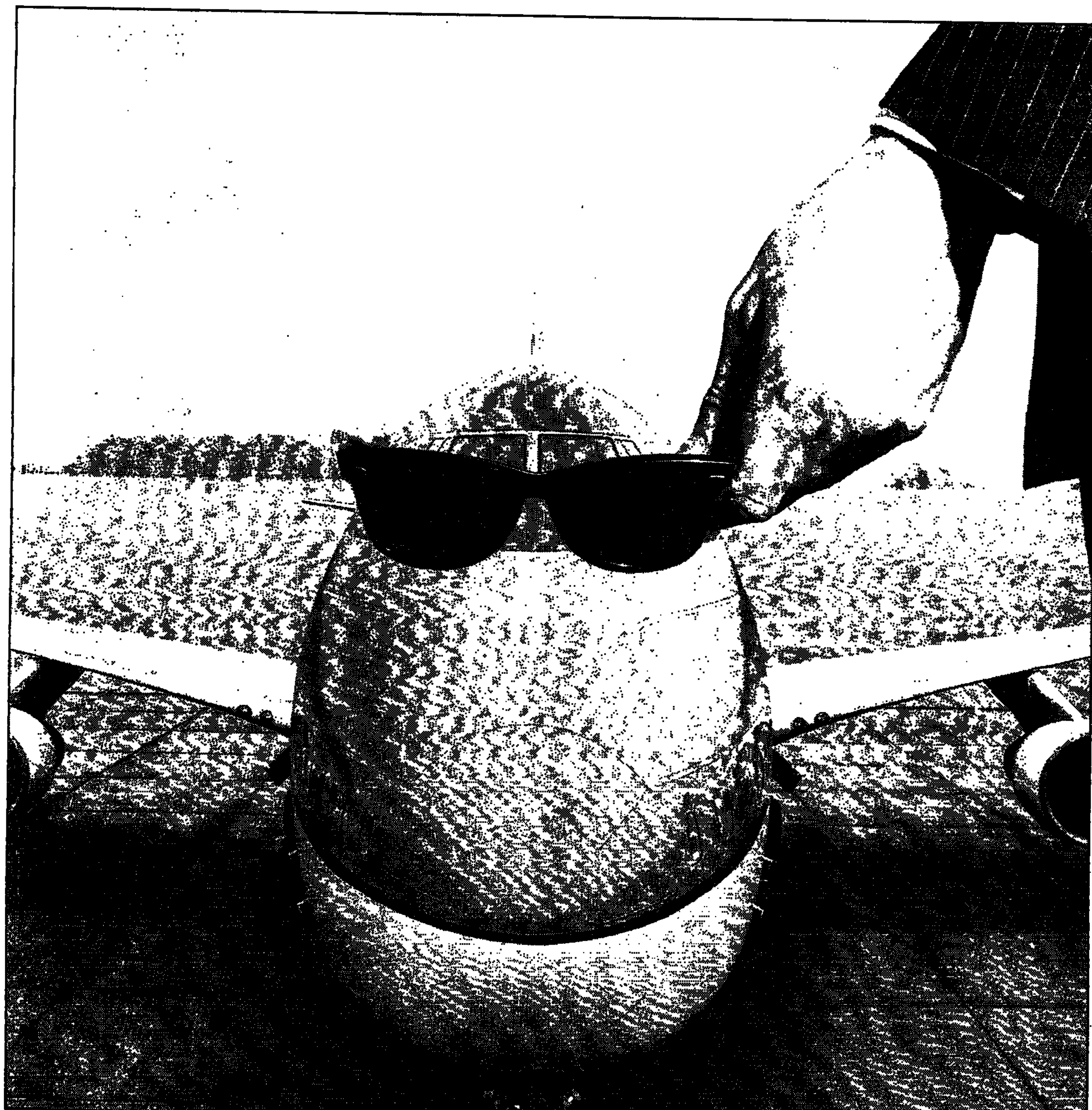


NORTHWEST AIRLINES

Votes are cast for brightest and best

By LIZ SMITH
FASHION EDITOR

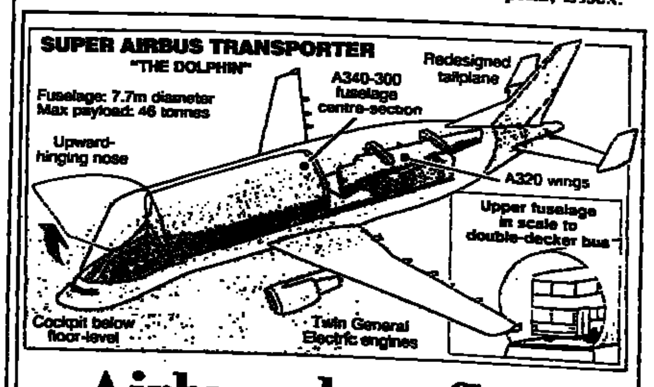
THE votes have been cast for this year's British Fashion Awards. Among those shortlisted for the seven awards and hoping to carry off the prestige and the winner's gold trophy are Jasper Conran, Jean Muir, Arabella Pollen, Edina Ronay and Vivienne Westwood.

The announcement, is to be made in London on October 14. To coincide with the awards, the Victoria and Albert will be holding an exhibition in the museum's Costume Court of the best of contemporary British fashion, its director, Elizabeth Esteve-Coll, announced yesterday.

Outfits on display will be by past winners of the Designer of the Year award — Jasper Conran, John Galliano, Katharine Hamnett, Betty Jackson, Rifat Ozbek, Workers for Freedom and the holder, Vivienne Westwood.

This year, for the first time, a menswear designer has been nominated. Paul Smith heads his own successful international menswear company, with a turnover of more than £41 million, and is a design consultant for Marks & Spencer menswear division.

The awards — to be sponsored by Lloyds Bank — cover a broad span of tastes and prices, from the high style of Catherine Walker, the Princess of Wales's favourite designer, who is nominated in the evening-wear glamour category, and such British classics as Burberry, Jaeger and Mulberry to high street names. Pineapple, Pamplemousse, Monix, Extravert and Coppernob are all nominated in the More Dash Than Cash category.



Airbus plans fleet of cargo aircraft

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

AIRBUS Industrie is to build four transport jets, at a cost of over £300 million, to ferry parts of their range of passenger aircraft to Toulouse for final assembly. The outsize cargo aircraft, nicknamed the Dolphin, will be ready for delivery in 1995.

It has a hinged upper nose section above the cockpit, which will enable the wings and main cabin of the new Airbus A340 long-range four engined passenger jet to be loaded within minutes. Officially designated the Super Airbus Transporter (SAT), the Dolphin will shuttle between aircraft factories in Germany, Spain, Britain and France. It will transport the sections for a complete A340 in 19 flying hours compared with up to 54 now taken by the consortium's four propeller-driven Super Guppies, derived from the Boeing Stratocruiser.

Airbus says that the Dolphin will be able to lift 46 tonnes and have a range of 850 miles at 37,000 feet. The company may build more of the jets, developed from the original A300, for other manufacturers or airlines.

☐ Airline cabin crew have been banned from wearing identity cards on chains around their necks after accident investigators discovered they could strangle their wearer in an emergency or become caught on cockpit controls.

Tests by the Cranfield Institute of Technology showed that the chains, now widely used to display security passes, had a breaking strain of up to 70 lbs.

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Children aged seven must be in bed by 7.30, head says

By David Tytler, Education Editor

PUPILS aged seven should be in bed by 7.30pm, given half an hour's reading time and then told to go to sleep, the headmaster of a leading preparatory school said yesterday.

Children should be told to stop watching television late into the evening and early bed times strictly enforced, Roger Trafford, chairman of the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools, said. Those aged eight and nine should be in bed by 7.45pm, 10 and 11 year olds half an hour later, and 12 and 13 year olds by 8.45, he said. "If families with children at state day schools observed these guidelines, it would keep them off the streets," said Mr Trafford, head of the 525-pupil Clifton College preparatory school, where the 135 boarders pay up to £7,740 a year.

Mr Trafford told the association's annual conference in Nottingham: "We think these times are reasonable and the 30 minutes' reading helps to calm them down if they have been excited by watching something violent or thrilling on television. Parents have a very difficult job these days, but you have got to be consistent and stick to a routine, so the kids know where they are."

Parents should also limit the amount of time they allow their children to watch television. "I do not think television should be banned completely but it does make it genuinely difficult for them to concentrate on what is being said to them. They are often so used to half listening and watching at the same time. It is easy to spot those day boys who have been up too late the night before."

Mr Trafford said that schools should be wary of guides that treat schools in the same way as good food and public-house surveys, saying that they encourage snobbery and elitism of the worst sort. "A few well-turned phrases, some snippets more appropriate to the gossip columns than a serious publication, a bit of amateur architectural criticism, a sly dig or two at the head — what more could any parent want? As we all know, they do want much more.

"What this approach to school choice does is to emphasise the wrong sort of elitism which we have worked so hard to shed in recent decades. If an élite means promoting the best, then that is our aim. If it means a snobby school, then let us rid ourselves of that image at once, if indeed it still exists."

☐ There has been a remarkable improvement in the number of teacher vacancies throughout the country, but particularly in London, Michael Fallon, the junior schools minister, said yesterday.

The education department survey for September showed that in the 97 out of the 109 English local education authorities that have replied, 21,574 vacancies were filled during the summer, leaving only 844 posts unfilled, 457 in primary schools and 387 in secondary: a 32 per cent improvement on last year.

The biggest improvement was in London where the number of unfilled posts fell from 472 to 132. Of the 844 unfilled posts, only 123 were not covered by supply teachers or appointments of less than one term.

Boys' schools that admit girls will have to even up

BOYS schools that decide to go co-educational have been warned that they could face prosecution for sex discrimination if they fail to apply the same entry standards to girls and boys. The many traditional schools that have admitted girls for economic and educational reasons have been told that they can no longer impose a limit on the number.

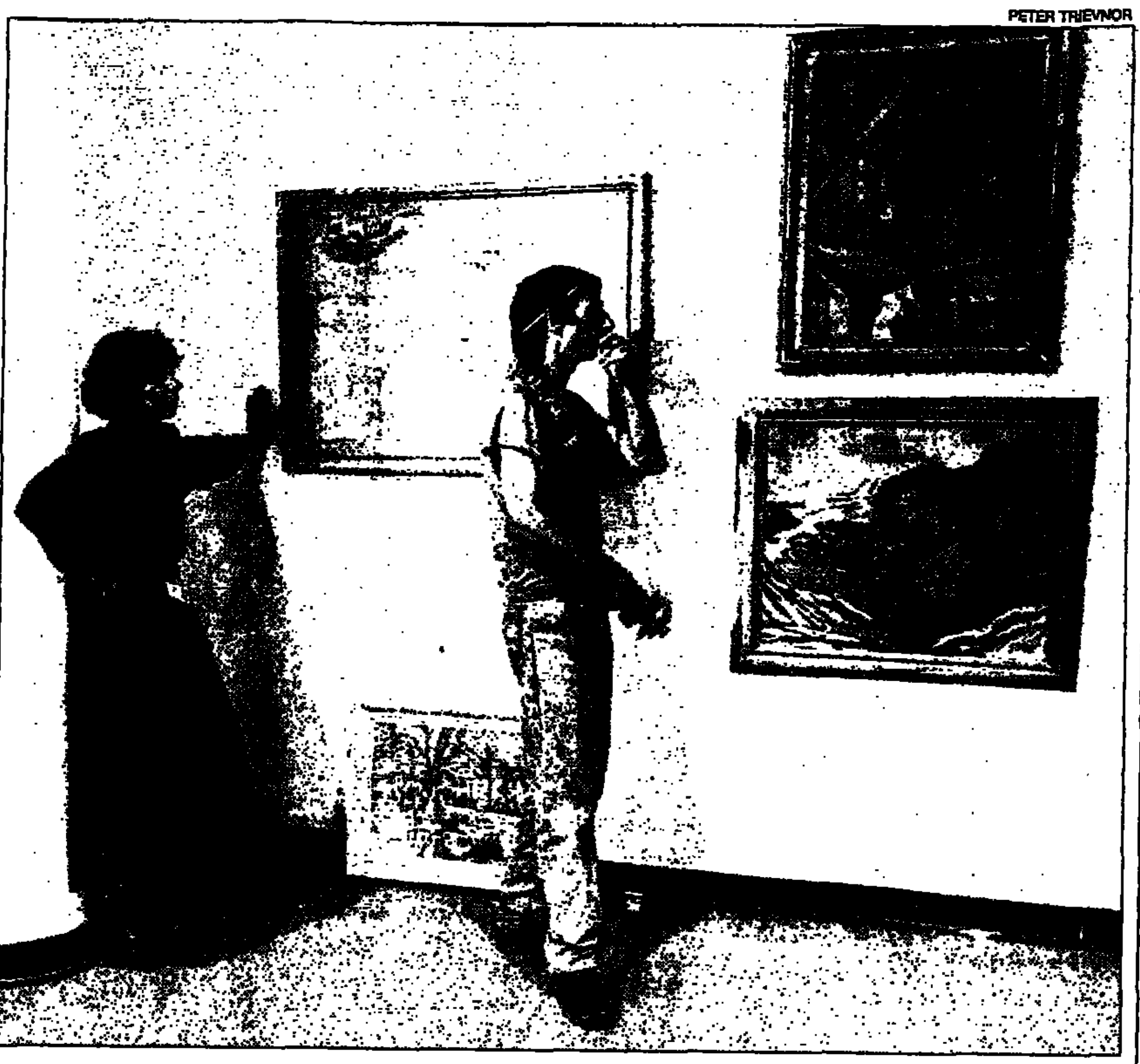
Rugby has already changed its plans to limit the number of girls to a third of its pupils when it starts to go fully co-educational from September 1993. The school now says that it will achieve a 50-50 balance as soon as possible but many others, such as Marlborough, have chosen to limit the number of girls to maintain traditions.

The Equal Opportunities Commission, which has alerted the seven associations representing Britain's independent schools to their responsibilities under the *1975 Sex Discrimination Act*, accepts that many schools, particularly those offering boarding, will require up to five years to adapt their facilities to accommodate equal numbers of the sexes. In the past 20 years 150 traditional boys schools have admitted girls. The commission has advised schools considering going co-educational to apply for an exemption order which will allow them to introduce girls over a "reasonable period". The commission has said, however, that some of those exemptions could be challenged in the courts.

Guidelines on schools' legal responsibilities, prepared by the commission in conjunction with the Independent Schools Joint Council, are being sent to headteachers and governors, following an investigation that disclosed that a number of schools were not admitting girls on an equal basis with boys.

The commission said schools which had decided to admit girls were legally bound to do so fairly. "If the demand is there from parents seeking a good education, girls clearly have a right to be considered for a place on the same basis as boys," it added.

A spokesman for the Independent Schools Information Service said: "This is an issue our members must address. It will transform some schools and could make others think again about going co-educational."



PETER TRIEVNOR

Official choice: Wendy Baron, director of the Government Art Collection, supervising the hanging of paintings at the Royal College of Art, in Kensington Gore, central London, for the loan section of this year's 20th Century British Art Fair. The display gives the public a rare opportunity to see works from the large, but little known, collection, which concentrates on British art from the 16th century to the present day. It consists of about 15,000 works, which represent a balance between modern works (those of artists born after 1860) and historical works. Paintings, drawings and sculptures from the collection are displayed in government buildings in this country and abroad to foster interest in British culture and history. Several works have been withdrawn from government residences and offices for the fair, which opened yesterday and runs until Sunday.

'Millions at risk' in deathtrap bed-sits

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

THE National Consumer Council yesterday demanded the compulsory inspection and registration of all bed-sitter properties in the light of its damning report on safety risks.

But despite evidence in the report that four out of five houses in multiple occupation were unsafe, mainly from the threat of fire, Sir George Young, housing minister, rejected the call, saying that local authorities already had sufficient powers.

Students, old people and young families are among the 2 million estimated by the report to be in danger.

Lady Wilcox, the council's chairman, said that 150 people died each year from fires in bed-sitters, and that a cautious estimate suggested that in the next ten years 25,000 more would be seriously injured. "This is a scandal that cannot be tolerated in 1991," she said, adding that many students found themselves living in "deathtraps".

The call for action was supported by Peter and Margaret Stickland, whose daughter Angela died two years ago in a bed-sitter fire in Chesham, Buckinghamshire. Chiltern district council had asked the landlord to put in fire detectors, fire doors, fire extinguishers and notices, but it had not been done. Neither was in breach of the law.

Universities face research cuts in recruitment drive

By John O'Leary, Higher Education Correspondent

SOME universities may lose their traditional research role in the higher education reforms to be introduced by the government, Alan Howarth, the higher education minister, told vice-chancellors yesterday.

Although sharp distinctions will not be forced on universities, some departments will lose funding for research, Mr Howarth said in a speech originally to be delivered by Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary. "Some universities may see their mission developing in a predominantly teaching direction."

In a passage that will confirm the fears of some of the less regarded universities, Mr Howarth added: "The traditional relationship between teaching and research in some parts of the system may need re-examination. It will continue to be for institutions to determine their allocation of resources, but they will need to take into account the basis of central funding."

With the government committed to expanding higher education to cater for one school leaver in three, some universities already feared that they would be expected to concentrate on taking more students at the expense of their research. Most vice-chancellors are reluctant to speed up the pace of recruitment.

Mr Howarth said that universities needed to improve their productivity beyond the 20 per cent increase in student numbers planned for the next four years if they were to justify public investment which had now reached £2.3 billion a year.

Howarth: "universities need to improve productivity"

Dr David Harrison, the vice-chancellors' chairman, in an opening address to their annual meeting at Warwick University, anticipated calls for greater efficiency. "We must make plain when these are simply a euphemism for cost-cutting. It is in everyone's interests — not least our students — that we use public money well. I am confident that we can defend our past stewardship without implying that no further change is possible or desirable."

Dr Harrison added that there were fears of further encroachments on university autonomy in the reformed system, which will remove the distinction between universities and polytechnics. Freedom to select students and staff and to design courses would have to be defended.

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Prisoners play it by the book

By Robin Young

NEWCOMERS to Her Majesty's prisons are to receive a folder of reading material which should keep them engrossed for several hours of their enforced leisure time. The Prison Service has co-operated with the Prison Reform Trust to produce a new *Prisoners' Information Pack*, intended to familiarise those temporarily taken out of circulation with their rights and the rules and routines of prison life.

The pack consists of 14 colour-coded leaflets and a 31-page directory, all encased in a bright green folder. The set replaces both the official handbooks previously distributed by the Prison Service and the original *Prisoners' Information Pack*, which has been independently produced by the Prison Reform Trust for the past five years.

Stephen Shaw, the director of the Prison Reform Trust, said yesterday: "The official booklets were rather heavy in officialese, and because they tried to include everything in one book they were unwieldy to keep up to date.

"The publication of this new pack really represents a revolution in the Home Office's approach to providing information to prisoners and puts into effect the first of the reforms from the government's White Paper following the Woolf report into last year's prison riots.

"Whereas before we were only able to afford to print 30,000 packs a year, now there will be 110,000 produced for use over the next seven months, with a new edition in April 1992. The pack is being translated into 13 languages, from Arabic to Welsh, and we hope to produce audio-tapes for those who have difficulty reading. Whereas before, the vast majority of prisoners never saw our pack, now it should be available to all."

The pack is not without its curiosities. A leaflet called "Starting Your Sentence" includes what, in the outside world, would be called an unfair contract term. "All property in prison . . . is held at your own risk." Outside prisons, such blanket disclaimers of responsibility have been illegal since 1977, but then it is precisely because things are different inside that the pack is needed.

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Foreign forces restore calm in devastated Zaire capital

From PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

FOREIGN troops restored calm in devastated Kinshasa yesterday after two days of riots and looting in the Zairean capital. As the government declared a night curfew, national radio said 12 people had been killed and dozens more wounded. Witnesses said at least 30 people had died.

The French foreign ministry said some of the 450 troops it had sent in were being redeployed to protect foreigners in the copper-rich Shaba province in the south. The Belgian foreign ministry said the commandos it had dispatched had begun ferrying hundreds of Belgians from Zaire to Congo across the Zaire river.

The United States announced that it would provide transport for the French troops in Zaire and for the protection and safe evacuation of Americans, while Portugal said it was sending a small military contingent to accompany two planes to neighbouring Congo to assist in evacuating the large community of Portuguese.

French and Belgian officials strongly rejected criticism that they had intervened to prop up the sagging administration of President Mobutu. Pierre Joxe, the French defence minister, said in a radio interview that French forces in Kinshasa had "restored order very rapidly because people said to themselves that things could not continue like that".

Marshall Mobutu, who had been mostly absent from public view as his country slid further into chaos in the past few months, said on television on Tuesday night that the riots were the worst since independence 30 years ago. The French government yesterday gave him a warning that it expects "the democratic process" to be accelerated.

In the face of sharp press riticism of President Mitterrand's decision to send in troops, the French government has fallen back on the argument that it was essential to guarantee the safety of Europeans living in Zaire.

Reading between the lines, however, it is clear that the Elysée palace has been stung by press comment on the handling of this affair.

The left-wing daily *Libération* asked why France had continued to support the regime of "a shaky dictator, discredited after years of squandering resources and official mismanagement".

Victim's plea: Kimberly Bergalis, aged 23, being comforted by her mother yesterday as she arrived in Washington to beg Congress for mandatory Aids testing for health workers. She is dying of Aids contracted from her dentist

Commonwealth chief pleads sanctions case

By DAVID WATTS, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

SANCTIONS against South Africa should be continued until full voting rights are given to blacks, Chief Emeka Anyaoku, the Commonwealth secretary-general, says in his annual report.

Acknowledging that the Commonwealth has decided to relax sanctions in phases as objectives are met, he concludes that there has been considerable progress, "but the world must not be blind to the fact that ... real obstacles still stand in the way of making the end of apartheid a reality for South Africans. Apartheid will not be truly dead and buried until a new political dispensation gives the majority population of South Africa full voting and constitutional rights. Until this is achieved, or at least is clearly in sight, it would be inappropriate to relax all the international pressure."

● **Johannesburg:** Parliamentary democracy in the Westminster style has been a disaster in Africa, according to President de Klerk of South Africa (Gavin Bell writes). He told students in Johannesburg that the British system had led to abuse of power, oppression, civil wars, one-party states and military dictatorships in Africa. The Westminster model was inappropriate to a multiracial society, and proportional representation should replace it.

Apology stays off Akihito agenda

From JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

EMPEROR Akihito today becomes the first Japanese monarch to visit South-East Asia, which has become an integral part of the Asian "yen bloc" over which Japan holds hegemonic economic and financial sway. It is also an area where second world war atrocities by the Japanese military in the name of Akihito's father are still too fresh to be easily forgotten or forgiven.

The emperor faces a tricky task. With the Empress Michiko and an entourage of 34 in tow, he must paper over Japan's past transgressions without resorting to embarrassing imperial apologies, and he must hand out offers of mutual trust and co-operation to pave the way for expanded Japanese economic ties with the region without provoking fears of another "Great East Asian Co-Prosperity Sphere", Japan's wartime imperialist policy.

Today's visit is a clear indication that Japan's political and economic ambitions in Asia have reached a point where an imperial tour to officially "strengthen ties and promote peace" is considered expedient for further progress. The emperor flies to Bangkok for the first leg of an 11-day visit which will also take him to Malaysia and Indonesia. The three host nations have been carefully chosen. South Korea, China, Singapore or the Philippines might have been inclined to exact homage or abject apologies. But Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia have agreed not to demand official expressions of contrition from the emperor.

The three host countries have good reason not to embarrass their guest. All have welcomed growing hordes of Japanese businessmen with billions of yen to invest in labour-intensive Japanese industrial subsidiaries. The high-technology investments, employment opportunities and development of local infrastructures have bolstered otherwise flagging economic indicators to new and lofty heights.

Japan's intensifying economic links with the rest of Asia show no signs of slowing. The imperial tour and the new "diplomacy of contrition" are being interpreted by Japanese businessmen as signals of government intentions to continue to strengthen the Asian "yen bloc".

Noriega witness retracts evidence

Miami — A key prosecution witness in the trial of General Manuel Noriega of Panama has retracted testimony linking the former dictator to a cocaine-processing laboratory in the Panamanian jungle (Alan Tomlinson writes). The reversal appears seriously to undermine the American government's charge that General Noriega sought help from President Castro of Cuba to mediate in a dispute over the laboratory with the Medellin drug cartel in Colombia.

Colonel Luis Del Cid, a personal aide to the general, earlier told how General Noriega returned from Europe in 1984 to seek Dr Castro's help after Panamanian soldiers accidentally raided the laboratory and the Colombians demanded the return of a $6 million (£3.5 million) bribe to protect it.

Under cross-examination on Tuesday, Colonel Del Cid told the Miami court that he had been mistaken, recalling that General Noriega was in Panama at the time of the raid and had ordered it personally. The colonel conceded that an officer who had received the bribe was later dishonourably discharged by General Noriega.

Caste jobs plan

Delhi — The Indian cabinet has accepted a controversial proposal to reserve 60 per cent of all government jobs for people from the middle and lower castes, leading to fears of a caste war. The government of V. P. Singh fell last year on the issue of reservation as outraged upper-caste students took to the streets.

Buckling under

Rio de Janeiro — Brazil's plan to sell off many state-owned enterprises, starting with Usiminas, a big steel plant, has been postponed. Legal actions and union protests caused the government to cancel the auction minutes before it was to take place, though the supreme court had cleared the way for the sale.

Final reckoning

Jackson — After 13 years of appeals to the courts, Warren McClesky, aged 44, has finally been executed for murder in this Georgia town. He died in the electric chair shortly after the US Supreme Court rejected his last appeal by a majority of six to three. *(AFP)*

Saddling up for new world order

From PETER STOTHARD, US EDITOR, IN WASHINGTON

An Indian called Tonto said 60 years ago: "Other Texas rangers all dead, you only ranger left. You the lone ranger now." That opening scene from one of America's best-loved series has been replayed in a White House version recently as President Bush and his advisers worked to set out their foreign policy for a world without Soviet communism.

Mr Bush is determined that America should not become sole righter of international wrongs. "We are not a lone ranger out there," he insisted after the G7 summit of industrialised nations. By the time that this week's address to the United Nations was completed, even denying the ambition to be a lone ranger had been judged too inflammatory. A more grandiloquent phrase was put in its place. "The United States has no intention of striving for a pax americana," the president said. "We seek a pax universalis." The sentiment, however, was the same.

As officials in Washington digested his speech yesterday, their verdict was clear. "The White House is happy to finish its unfinished business in the Middle East, if Saddam Hussein is stupid enough to let us have another chance, but the president is not looking for new business," said a State Department diplomat.

The UN speech, billed as the first considered response to the end of superpower confrontation, was seen as more sermon than lecture. Baghdad may have felt the heat but, for the rest of the world, the message was one of bright-eyed optimism. Mr Bush called upon those leaders who had not accepted democracy to see the error of their ways.

He argued that the fruits of new enterprise would reduce past envies and that new democracy and economic prosperity would discourage territorial predators. His foremost message to the asssembled nations was the need to complete the Uruguay Round of the Gatt negotiations to liberalise world trade.

It was one of the most idealistic speeches by an American president since the fall of Woodrow Wilson. Another Washington official pointed out that Mr Bush was determined to maintain the momentum of confidence within the UN.

The president did, however, temper his hopes. He said that history had been frozen by communism and could now resume — with bloody consequences. Conservatives who had been looking for a "Bush doctrine" to reconcile long-term hopes with short-term fears were disappointed. "He did the safe thing," said one. "He said nothing."

He was content to set out what he called "the perils and opportunities" of the new world order. He gave no clear sign of what America would do if nationalist rivalries became regional wars or if new opportunities were rejected in favour of old feuds. He made no mention of Yugoslavia. When the preaching president waggled his finger at those who were "lone holdouts" against his vision of the future, the Cuban representative quietly giggled.

America has not yet solved its "lone ranger problem". The eventual answer will lie not in the UN halls but in the minds of voters. Is it good to be an isolated fighter for what one believes to be right? Or will America prefer to grasp a different ideal? Will the most successful 1990s cowboy series be "The Committee of Rangers" and star a newly retired Javier Pérez de Cuéllar?

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Federal camp wins first round

From GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

EUROPEAN federalists in the Dutch government appear to have won the first round of an internal battle over the future of the European Community by producing an ambitious new treaty designed to isolate John Major at the Maastricht summit in December.

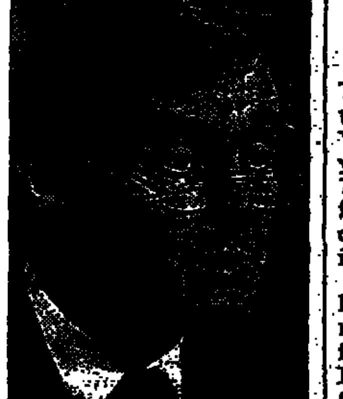
The draft treaty, published by the Dutch who currently hold the EC's rotating presidency, was pushed through cabinet by Piet Dankert, the European affairs minister. Mr Dankert, a gregarious veteran of EC politics, is a past president of the European parliament. He has seized his opportunity to hand it the powers which it has craved for so long by writing new powers of veto and joint framing of laws into the treaty.

By beefing up the parliament, Mr Dankert has secured the support of Germany. Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, has pushed for a bigger role for the parliament from the start of the treaty talks.

Mr Dankert is a powerful player in the Dutch government. He belongs to the new continental breed of "European affairs ministers" who wield enough power to coordinate European policies across several government departments.

When the treaty text emerged from a three-hour Dutch cabinet meeting last Friday, the success of Mr Dankert's tactics was sealed. He took the treaty negotiation out of the hands of officials who have been wrestling with "co-decision" and the "hierarchy of norms". The Brussels negotiations are chaired by the Dutch ambassador to the EC, Peter Nieman, who had been keen to suppress Mr Dankert's divisive ideas.

As Hans van den Broek, the Dutch foreign minister, discovered what was afoot, he managed to insert clauses on foreign and defence policy designed to reassure Britain and to dent Mr Dankert's plans for a united, federal decision-making structure. But the changes were limited. As Mr Dankert's new text went through several drafts, he and his officials set off on a marketing tour of European capitals. The Germans loved it. The French were cooler and asked for changes on foreign and defence policy. Belgium and Italy warned the Dutch that such a text might provoke a breakdown at Maastricht. Whitehall officials went up in smoke. But when Mr Major went to The Hague a week ago, Mr van den Broek, Mr Dankert and Ruud Lubbers, the prime minister, all left with the impression that Mr Major would not reject the Dutch proposals out of hand, but that is now just about what Britain intends to do.



Dankert: gregarious veteran of EC politics

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French plan drastic curb on illegal immigrants

From PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

DRASTIC new measures are to be introduced against clandestine foreign workers in France and those who employ them, the government announced yesterday.

In a move that apparently reflects growing hostility towards unskilled immigrants at a time of high unemployment, the council of ministers said a law providing stiff penalties on both parties would be presented in the next session of parliament and could come into effect by the end of this year.

Although the socialist government had raised the possibility of taking action against clandestine immigrant workers three months ago, promising a more effective system of surveillance, yesterday's statement will be viewed in the context of controversial remarks from the mainstream conservative opposition on immigration. Last week's broadside from Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, former president of France and leader of the UDF party, giving a warning of an "invasion" of foreigners and calling for French nationality to be decided on the basis of "blood rights", has put the issue back into the headlines.

Under the proposed legislation, the ministry of labour, the justice ministry and the interior ministry would join forces against a well organised racket estimated to involve between 300,000 and one million workers at any time. Guilty employers will risk going to jail for two years and a fine of up to £20,000. Foreigners caught in "an irregular situation" will be liable for imprisonment for six months to three years and could be banned from returning to France for ten years.

There will also be severe penalties for the French middle men who provide immigrant labour "under the counter" to unscrupulous employers. They will face up to five years behind bars, and there is to be a clampdown on the widespread practice of taking on workers from "subcontractors", no questions asked: guilty employers will have to pay every franc owed in social security and tax payments.

The government has been wrestling with this problem ever since it was elected in May 1988, against a background of ever-increasing numbers of clandestine workers and sharpening resentment at their presence among French people seeking employment. According to official figures, this black market in labour increased by more than 7 per cent last year. While the majority still come from North Africa, the upheavals in eastern Europe have produced an increasing flow of Russians, Romanians and Albanians.

The French immigration authorities have long since acknowledged that they cannot hope to police more than the fringe of the illegal employment operations: a grand total of 10,600 clandestine workers were detained at the frontiers during 1989. Virtually every building site in Paris and the other big cities contains a high proportion of men labouring without proper papers for a fraction of the going rate and usually without the slightest cover against accidents or ill-health.

Cynics will see in the proposed legislation a hasty adjustment by Edith Cresson's government to the spread of a gut feeling among the ordinary French that immigrants are responsible for the country's severe unemployment — now approaching 10 per cent by most estimates. Until recently, Jean-Marie Le Pen's extreme right-wing National Front party was making the running in exploiting this widespread discontent, but the mainstream parties have now taken up the issue.

Funeral affirms problem of peace

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN ZAGREB

THE daunting task facing those trying to bring peace to Yugoslavia was emphasised yesterday when a crowd of 7,000 packed the paramilitary funeral of Ante Paradzik, one of Croatia's leading nationalists.

Mr Paradzik was shot in the head by 13 bullets last Saturday, an attack blamed by his followers on the government. He was vice-president of the Croatian Party of Rights, founded in 1861, which has historic connections with the fascist Ustasha movement.

As Mr Paradzik was buried, telegrams of condolence were read from Canadian and American politicians and from President Mesic of Yugoslavia, who is a Croat. Members of the party's private army, wearing dark green berets, stood guard with automatic rifles. Shots were fired over the Mutla river in the neighbouring republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina to signify that the private army and its political masters were demanding that land up to the river be brought into Croatia.

Mention of the peace conference in The Hague brought derisive laughter from the mourners, who ranged from elderly widows to thuggish militiamen with earrings, dark glasses and a fanatical willingness to lay down their lives for their cause.

"The idea of peace now is rubbish: there is not even a ceasefire, the fighting is going on," declared Ivan Orsanic, who was in Mr Paradzik's car when it was riddled with bullets. He escaped only by feigning death. "You can make peace with people like the British, but not with the Serbs, they are animals."

Hours before Mr Paradzik was shot at a Croatian roadblock he gave a press conference in which he boasted that the private army had 10,000 men under arms.

● **Belgrade:** The body of Marshal Tito, the founder of the second Yugoslavia who died ten years ago, will soon be moved from the grave near his former home to his native Kumrovac, a village in Zagorje near the Croatian capital of Zagreb (Dessa Trevisan writes).

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Polish scouts prepare to fight over Baden-Powell heritage

From ROGER BOYES IN WARSAW

POLAND'S rival scoutmasters, clutching their penknives and remembering their fieldcraft, are lining up for a political duel that will determine who is the true heir to the movement founded by Robert Baden-Powell.

As scouting traditions are revived in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, so too are the old campfire quarrels. Now Poland's five scouting organisations have been told to stop bickering and present a united front if they want to be accepted back into the fold of the world scouting movement. Next week there will be a meeting in Warsaw to bring the troops to order.

The largest Polish scouting organisation, known as the ZHP, was started in 1910 and directly modelled along Baden-Powell lines. An active patrol leader in the 1930s was young Wojciech Jaruzelski, later to emerge as the architect of martial law and Poland's last communist president. Solidarity unearthed an embarrassing speech from 1936 in which the earnest teenager praised the scouts for serving God and fighting "the red aggressor" during the Polish-bolshevik war. After the second world war, the communists hijacked the scouts and tried to turn them into a mass youth movement. At about the time when British scouts were cleaning windows in bob-a-job week, Polish scouts were reading and discussing Lenin.

"You could only rise in the scout movement if you had a recommendation from the communist party," said the present leader of the ZHP, Ryszard Paclawski. The official numbers swelled to two million, making it one of the world's biggest scouting organisations. But at grassroots level, troop leaders began to rebel.

Some held secret meetings in which scouts were taught not only how to tie knots but also the works of subversives such as Friedrich von Hayek. Other scouts set up splinter groups, such as the Zawisla scouts who during the martial law years were protected by the Roman Catholic church.

Now the ZHP has purged its communists, Mr Paclawski says, and has come back to proper scouting traditions.

On the warpath: some of the thousands of Romanian miners who arrived in Bucharest yesterday to begin their protest at the government's refusal to increase their wages. Before the overthrow of communism last year, six people died when miners attacked protesting students

Three killed as miners riot in Bucharest

By SEAN HILLEN IN BUCHAREST AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THREE people were killed yesterday when thousands of coal miners and enraged Bucharest citizens besieged the Romanian government's headquarters and fought running battles with riot police in unrest sparked by price rises and dwindling wages.

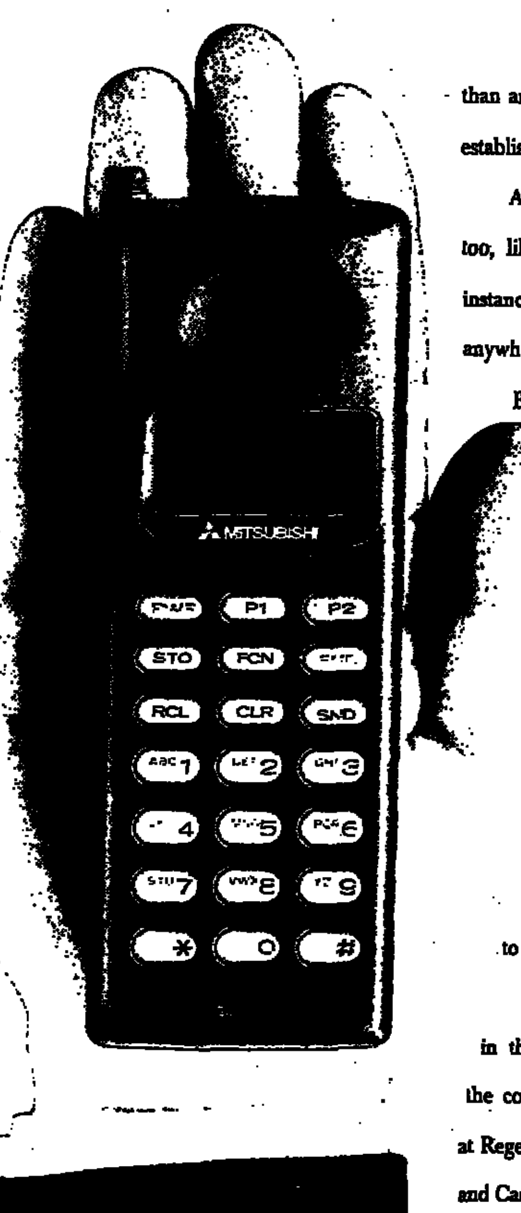
Up to 8,000 coalminers from the west Romanian Jiu Valley coalfield hijacked two trains to Bucharest and marched to the Victory Square headquarters. Thousands of them, who had hijacked trains in Craiova, firebombed government buildings and attacked police using metal bars and hammers.

The police threw hundreds of tear gas canisters at the miners. Spectators ran for shelter behind buildings near by. One miner was badly injured when he fell from a telephone pole and others hurt were carried away by their friends. The miners, dressed in traditional blue uniforms and with miners' lamps dangling from their belts, hurled Molotov cocktails at the building and shouted "Jos communism" ("Down with communism") and "Jos Iliescu". They hijacked vehicles and and took the petrol which they used to soak handkerchiefs and protect them from the tear gas.

A taxi driver was pulled from his vehicle and accused of being a communist for not giving up his petrol. "Once again we are under violent blackmail from the miners. We cannot keep allowing them to do this," Christou Ioncristou said.

Last year, thousands of miners attacked protesting students in University Square, leaving six dead and hundreds injured. This time the miners are protesting about what they consider the government's refusal to raise wages and improve working conditions. Miron Cosma, a miners' leader, said: "The government will not listen to us so we had to bring our message to it. This is the only avenue open to us."

In Bucharest, fearing a repeat of last year's violence, shops were closed and protected with metal shutters and many Western embassies closed early.



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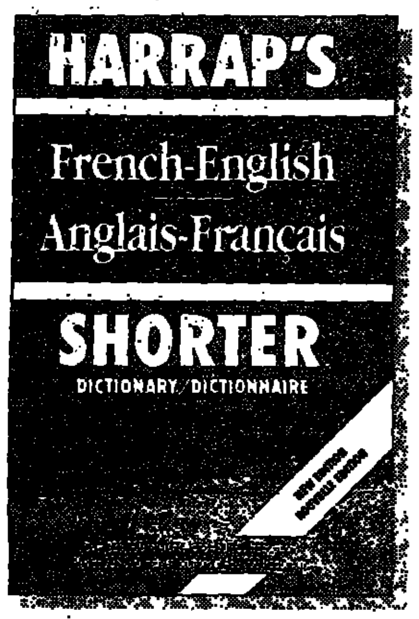

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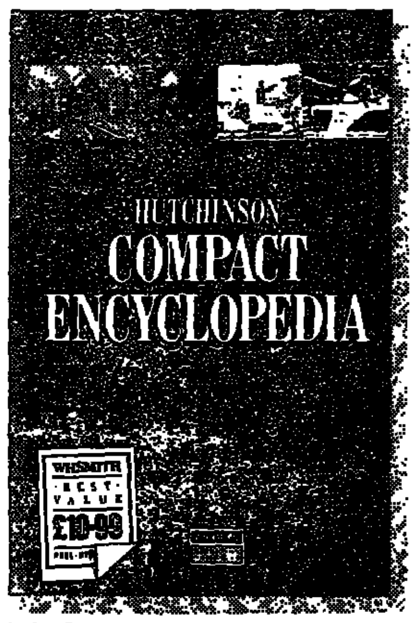

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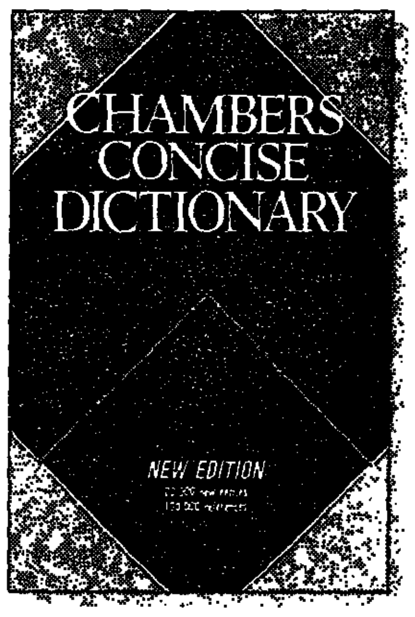

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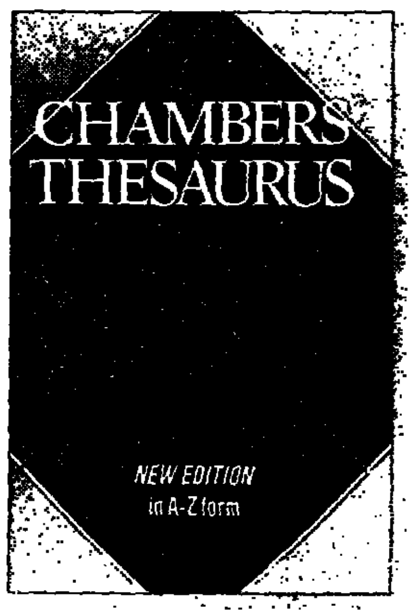

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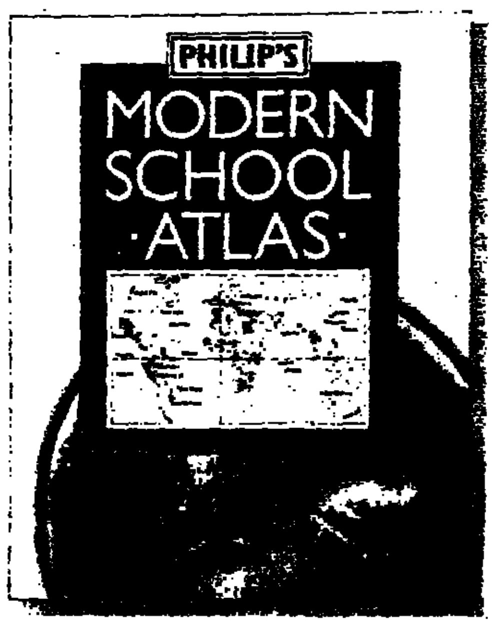

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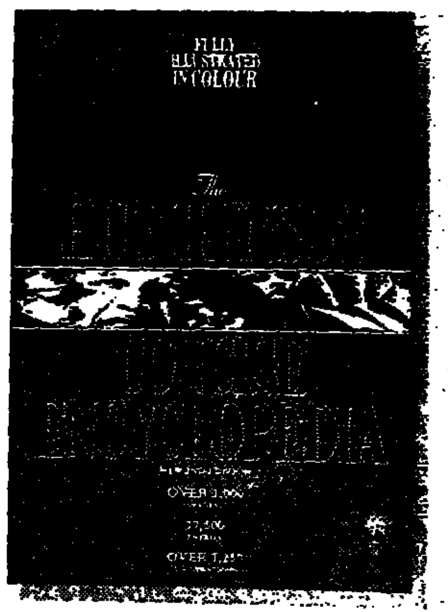

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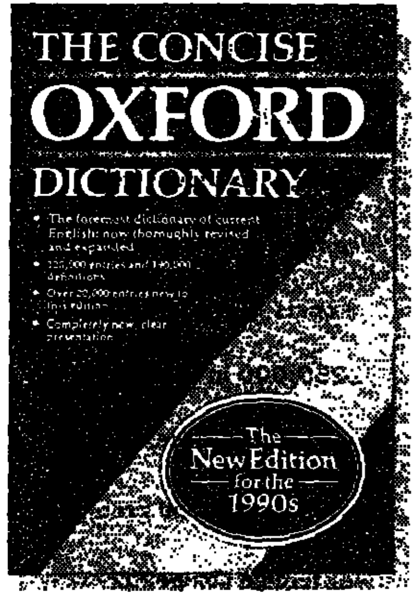

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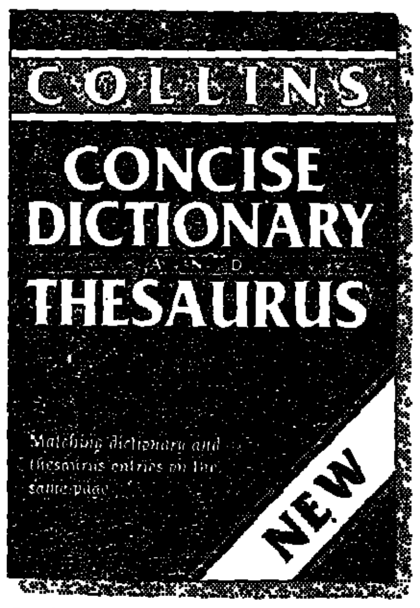

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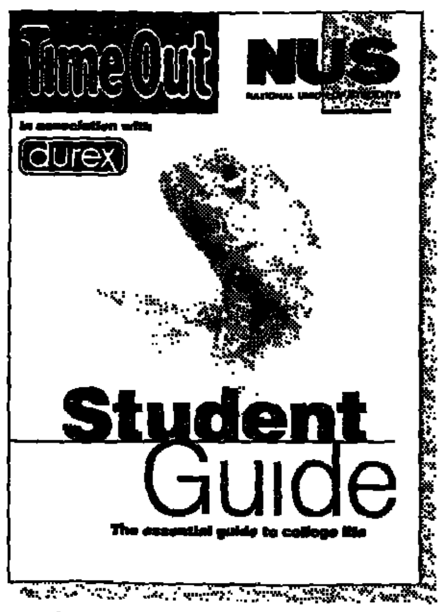

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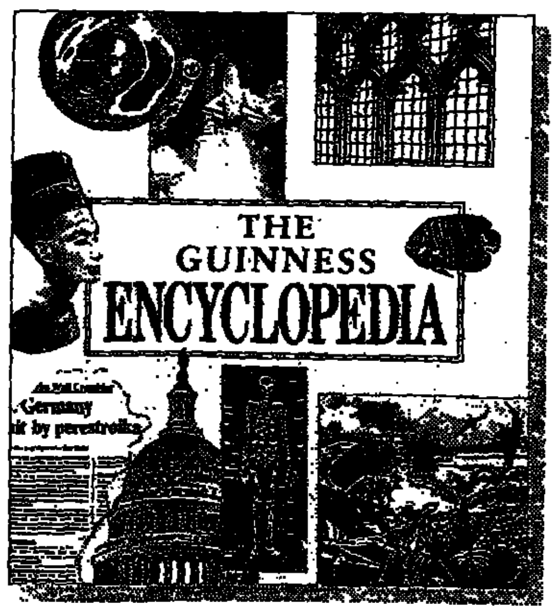

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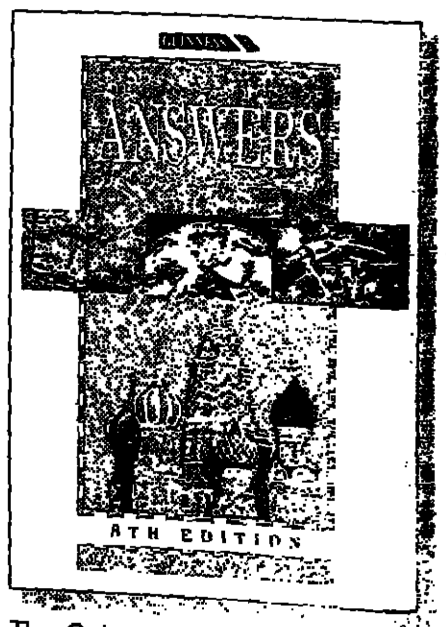

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Israeli airman remains key to release of hostages

From Richard Beeston in Jerusalem

ISRAEL yesterday set the conditions for the next round of hostage exchanges when it announced that it would free more Lebanese prisoners in exchange for information on the fate of a missing Israeli air force captain.

In a move which signalled that the hostage formula drawn up by Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations secretary-general, was back on track, the Israeli defence ministry said that it wanted detailed information about Ron Arad, the navigator of a *Phantom* jet shot down over Lebanon in 1986.

Iranian reports suggest that after Jack Mann's release, an American hostage, probably Joseph Cicippio, will be freed at the weekend. Terry Waite is the only British hostage left, but it is thought that he will be one of the last released because of his value.

"Israel expressed to the secretary-general its willingness to make a further gesture of releasing detainees on condition it receives, through the secretary-general, clear information about the fate of navigator Ron Arad," said a military spokesman. Captain Arad's welfare is the key to the success of future hostage swaps since he is the only Israeli serviceman known to have been taken alive after his aircraft was shot down over the Lebanese port of Sidon. His wife received a photograph and letter from him a year after his capture, and it is known that he was turned over by Amal, the Syrian-backed Shia militia, to the more fundamentalist pro-Iranian group, Hezbollah.

The proposed exchange between Israel and Hezbollah would appear to be a repeat of the swap this month when Israel received information that two other missing servicemen were dead. Israel responded by ordering the release of 51 Lebanese prisoners held by its proxy, the South Lebanon Army, and also handed over nine bodies of Hezbollah gunmen. The deal opened the way for the freedom of Mr Mann.

However, the Israelis yesterday emphasised that they were still not satisfied with the information about the death of one serviceman.

But both sides will keep their most important prisoners to last — Terry Waite, Captain Arad, and the Hezbollah cleric, Sheikh Abdel Karim Obeid. Uri Lubrani, the chief Israeli negotiator, said yesterday: "We want this thing over. We know that Sheikh Obeid might be a very important [bargaining] chip."

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Three die in clash on West Bank

Jerusalem — Israeli soldiers shot dead three Palestinians and wounded a fourth in a clash with armed activists in the occupied West Bank yesterday. Military sources said an army and border police force patrolling near the town of Jenin opened fire on a van whose driver refused to halt and tried to run over one of the soldiers.

The troops began shooting when the occupants jumped out with guns poised. Three were captured unharmed. It was still unclear if the Palestinians fired any shots before they were killed. Security sources said the guerrillas apparently belonged to the Black Panther group, affiliated to the Fatah faction. *(Reuter)*

Barefoot princess: the Princess of Wales, her shoes already removed in deference to Muslim custom, having her chiffon *chadar* adjusted by the imam before entering the Badshahi mosque in Lahore, Pakistan, yesterday. The princess and her entourage later left for Islamabad, the capital, but strong winds over the city forced her British Aerospace 146 to return to Lahore. The princess's press secretary said the aircraft was only about 25 miles from Islamabad when the pilot was advised that conditions there were too severe for a landing. After the plane landed in Lahore, the princess remained on board, reading and waiting for the weather to clear, but mostly sheltering from the oppressive heat. *(Reuter)*

UN team sits it out in car park

By David Watts
Diplomatic Correspondent

THE lot of a United Nations inspector is rarely such a frustrating one. Having proved that Iraq has an advanced nuclear weapons programme, UN inspectors were still being prevented last night from leaving a Baghdad car park with the evidence at the end of a second day of detention on a bus. Between them and the relative freedom of their hotel were up to 110 Iraqi military and security men, who want them to hand over videos of secret documents that prove the existence of the nuclear programme.

Iraq complains that David Kay, the leader of the mission, is a CIA spy, and Baghdad is determined that he will give up his booty. "I have never worked for any intelligence agency," Mr Kay said yesterday. Since the [UN Resolution] 687 process started I have had very high Iraqi officials tell me that a plant that we now know was a uranium-enrichment facility was a transformer plant. This programme is shrouded in lies."

The UN officials in the car park are determined that they will not give in. "To do that would be to undermine the hope any professionals in the field and, I think, the world in general, have for arms control and non-proliferation policy," said Mr Kay.

The team of 44 inspectors has found detailed information on the extent of the Iraqi nuclear programme linking individual and technical skill areas in engineering and chemistry to various projects. The team has also found details of how the Iraqis procured the necessary equipment abroad for what Mr Kay called a "very great" nuclear programme. "It was exploring nuclear weapons development itself." Last night, the Iraqis were showing no signs of relenting: "They have said absolutely nothing about releasing us. I wish I knew how long we were going to be here."

Saddam will get nuclear bomb by hook or by crook

As long as Saddam rules Iraq, no power on earth will prevent him from achieving his dream of having nuclear arms, **Michael Evans** writes

Deep in one of his reinforced bunkers in Baghdad, President Saddam Hussein can feel confident about one thing: for as long as he survives as leader, Iraq will pursue the goal of building a nuclear bomb. Whatever steps are taken by the United Nations inspection teams and the international community, it is too late to stop his nuclear programme.

Seizing blueprints, removing uranium enrichment equipment and bombing installations may put Saddam's nuclear ambitions back a few years. But he will retain the capability, the scientific infrastructure and the network for importing nuclear technology to make a bomb. As the UN inspectors take vital parts away, Saddam will think of ways of replacing them.

This fatalistic assessment of Iraq's nuclear weapons potential is not to belittle the present attempts to expose Saddam's clandestine programme, merely to put them in context. Just as international safeguards and technology restrictions will fail to stop North Korea, Pakistan and other putative nuclear states from developing nuclear weapons, so Iraq will succeed one day, however many American bombs are dropped and however many UN inspectors are sent to scour the country for secret facilities.

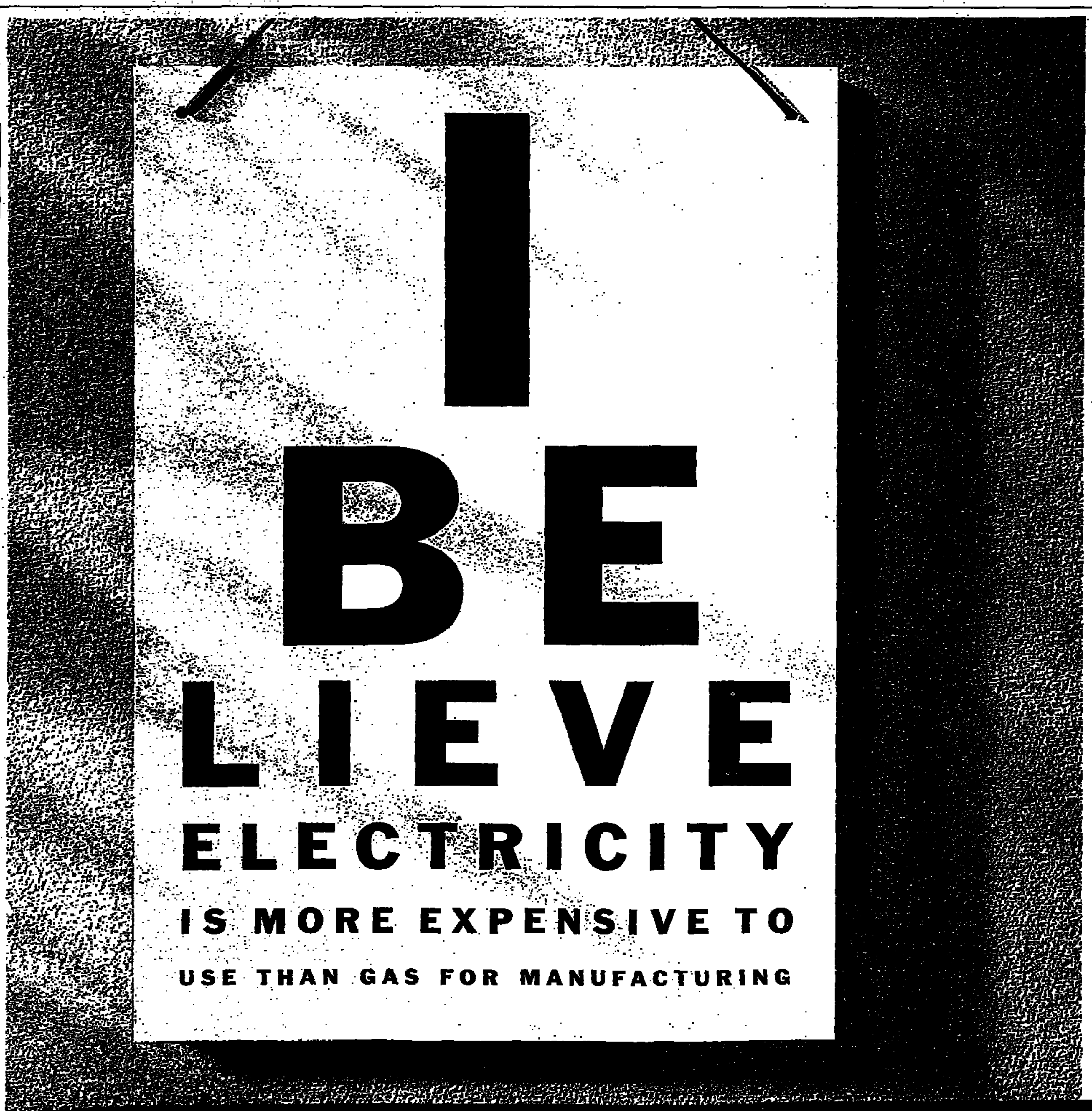
Stanley Orman, former deputy director of the Atomic Weapons Research Establishment at Aldermaston, Berkshire, said: "I believe it's too late with a number of nations because I don't think you can stop people acquiring the technology."

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, announced on Tuesday that the government had decided with immediate effect to adopt a policy of "full-scope" safeguards as a condition of exporting nuclear materials. It will ban the export of "any significant new nuclear materials" to any country, other than the nuclear weapons states, "where there are any unsafeguarded nuclear installations".

This may close a few doors, but intelligence agencies know that Saddam, and others like him have built up such a network of contacts in Europe and elsewhere, that it will always be possible, if enough dollars are offered, to find someone to sell them what they want. The documents seized by the UN inspectors in Baghdad are littered with the names of foreign companies who have sold equipment to Iraq for its nuclear weapons programme.

In the present search for Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, the most chilling incident was the discovery of a gas centrifuge plant for enriching uranium on an industrial site in the outskirts of Baghdad. Nobody in the West knew it existed. There is probably at least one similar plant as yet undiscovered. Centrifuge equipment can be contained inside small premises.

Even the removal of Saddam could not guarantee the end of his nuclear programme, unless the whole Baathist regime fell with him. In that event, political backing for a nuclear weapons programme might diminish. President Fernando Collor of Brazil proved last year that it is possible to stop building the bomb when he scrapped the Brazilian armed forces' secret programme to develop nuclear weapons.



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Tension rises in Georgia after four die in gun battle

From BRUCE CLARK IN TBILISI

FOUR people were shot dead yesterday in a gun battle outside a power station between pro-opposition guardsmen and police loyal to President Gamsakhurdia, the Georgian leader said. There was no independent confirmation of the deaths.

The killings, a day after Mr Gamsakhurdia imposed a state of emergency in Tbilisi, increased tension in one of the Soviet Union's most volatile areas and raised the possibility of weeks of violent confrontation. The nationalist president, who is under intense pressure to step down, said that rebels within the divided national guard had come to the power station outside Tbilisi at 2.30am intending to break the city's power. "They wanted to cut off the electricity supply," Mr Gamsakhurdia said. The passions now erupting in Tbilisi have confirmed many of the worst fears aroused by the collapse of the Soviet Union. Georgia has long been respected by other Soviet peoples for its ancient, rich and homogeneous culture. It is now tragically divided.

Just as an exhausted Russia is starting to renounce its imperial commitments, armed Georgians are accusing one another of conspiring with Moscow. The slide into civil war can be seen as the inevitable consequence of Russian withdrawal.

But the Georgian conflict has more to do with tragic accident. Of all the nations dismantling communism, Georgia's five million people have distinct advantages: a climate and landscape as varied and bountiful as California; commercial and artistic talent; a healthier social fabric than Russia. Just as the handsome balustraded homes in Tbilisi have remained intact under Soviet rule, so, too, has Georgian society, maintaining an identity and worth that is absent in European Russia.

Nor is Georgia torn apart by racial problems. Relations between the 70 per cent Georgian majority and the minorities — Armenians, Turks, Greeks, Jews, and Russians — have been governed by subtle compromise. The two racial problems that have led to violence involving pro-Soviet communities in South Ossetia and Abkhazia seem likely to ease as the Kremlin's influence wanes.

All this might have enabled Georgia to slip Soviet bonds fairly smoothly had the process not been complicated by a series of unforseeable events beginning with the deaths of 21 demonstrators in central Tbilisi, killed by Soviet troops on April 9, 1989, which transformed the atmosphere.

The only leaders to whom Georgians looked were those who backed independence. The baton passed from experienced but discredited rulers to idealistic, unbending and often quarrelsome dissidents who had opposed the communist system and gone to jail.

If people are dying here now, it is as much because of the intense personal antipathy between those former dissidents as any conflict between regions, races or class.

Lap of despair: two Georgian girls in Tbilisi yesterday after fighting broke out in the city. Pro-opposition guardsmen clashed with police loyal to Zviad Gamsakhurdia, the president, at a power station outside the capital which left four people dead

Hurd greets end of empire

From JAMES BONE
IN NEW YORK

DOUGLAS Hurd, the foreign secretary, yesterday hailed the death of the Soviet empire and said it spelt the end of all empires. "It may be rash, but I believe that we are watching the collapse of the principle of empire," he told the 166-member General Assembly of the United Nations.

"By this, I mean the principle that people can be forced to work together under a central rule in which they do not themselves participate and which has no respect for their rights. For example, we are seeing, beyond doubt, the disintegration of the last of the great colonial empires of the last century, namely that put together by the Russian tsars. That system, transformed into a communist empire by Lenin and Stalin, is now smashed for good."

Speaking before he was to sit in a special foreign ministers' meeting of the UN Security Council to impose a mandatory arms embargo on Yugoslavia, Mr Hurd spoke to delegates of the dangers unleashed by the collapse of empire. "Nationalism is a legitimate expression of a people's aspirations, but we have all learnt the hard way that this is not in itself enough," he said. "A new flag, or an old flag revived, a new capital, a new parliament, new uniforms, do not in themselves bring security and happiness. Nationalism can be sterile unless it respects the rights of individuals and of minorities. Nationalism can be dangerous unless nation states work together for collective security and collective prosperity."

Mr Hurd said the international community could not prescribe a model of government for the peoples of Yugoslavia or the Soviet Union, or of any country. "There is, for example, no Westminster model, or Paris model, or Washington model, certainly and emphatically no Kremlin model, which can be exported unchanged to Africa, Latin America, the Middle East or Asia." But the world was moving towards consent in place of command, freer trade edging out protectionism, honest government replacing corruption, government based on elections rather than dictatorship, nations co-operating instead of seeking to dominate.

Red tape ties entrepreneurs up in knots

From CHARLES BREMNER IN MOSCOW

LET us say you are a budding Russian capitalist, eager to seize the chance to make some big roubles and help to save the country. You put together a company, raise some funds and pop along to the chamber of business registration on New Arbat, or Kalinin Avenue as the communists knew it. That is the easy part.

Oleg Ivanov, a middle-aged building worker with plans for his own building firm, has been waiting at the chamber for two months so far, mired in bureaucracy. He sits on a window ledge smoking a calming cigarette on the eighth floor of the coal production ministry, the all but hidden location of the only office in the Russian capital where you can register a new company.

"It's chaos," Mr Ivanov says, flashing the bitter smile of a man inured to administrative torment. "I come here every day to see if my number has come up ... Winter is coming on. How can I build now? Bloody hell!"

Alongside him a young lawyer denounces the bureaucracy, the rule changing and the corruption that are blocking his attempts to open a private practice. Who knows where the paper trail ends, he asks, now that they are setting up new prefectures and heaven knows how many other new government centres? And for all this the state takes a quarter of your profits in taxes.

Around the corner, the cause of their suffering is visible. Over 100 would-be entrepreneurs, the potential saviours of the new Russia, many dressed in Western clothes and clutching executive-style attaché cases, jam the narrow corridor outside the tiny office of the Moscow Committee For Creating Enterprises. This institution does business for only four hours on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Even gaining access to the floor is something of a victory, given the obstructive attitude of the keepers of the street entrance. They are clearly no admirers of this shady operation that the coal ministry now harbours in its midst.

Fight your way past the door on the eighth floor and you find an embryo of the more businesslike Russia. A tiny staff are feeding files into IBM computers under the eye of Valentin Dubinin, their deputy chief, a city councillor who sports a denim jacket and business tie and apologises for the uncivilised conditions outside. His office, he says, is doing its best to simplify the tortuous trail of permissions and approvals required by diverse ministries, but it is no easy matter in a country in which the laws are constantly changing and often contradictory to start with.

For the first year of its existence, the chamber dealt mainly with co-operatives and small private firms, such as restaurants and taxi companies, Mr Dubinin says. But now, with the failure of the coup, there is a rush to create larger companies, some with foreign finance and some purely Russian. Building is big business, given the need for city housing and country dachas. Banking firms, too, are popular, as are insurance and trading companies. "You have a lot of experience in the West with all this. We are just learning. It is not an easy process," Mr Dubinin says.

In a country which for sevendecades relegated profit making to the criminal code, this is not understatement. Opposition to money-making or even the notion of private property is still widespread despite the almost embarrassing new devotion of the Russian authorities to all things capitalist. For instance, there are still no Soviet laws guaranteeing the sanctity of ownership of companies and there is still no agreed plan for turning the command economy into private hands. Compounding the uncertainties for investors is a currency that verges on being worthless.

Mr Dubinin understands why Western businessmen may be a little reluctant to invest in such an unstable place, but surely that should be a challenge, a sort of business school experience, he says. In New York, they say simply: "If you can make it here, you can make it anywhere."

Anti-coup stance launches president's quantum leap

Mary Dejevsky reports from Bishkek, Kirghizia, on the man who says he rose to the top simply by being true to himself

ASKAR Akayev, president of the Central Asian republic of Kirghizia, put himself and his republic firmly on the map last month by becoming the first republic leader openly and unambiguously to support Boris Yeltsin, his counterpart in the Russian Federation, on the first day of the coup attempt against President Gorbachev.

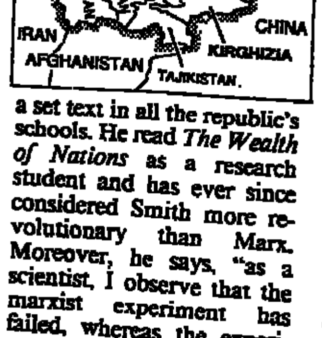
He was one of only three republic leaders to be consulted by President Gorbachev about the new shape of the Soviet Union. The others were Mr Yeltsin and Nursultan Nazarbayev, the influential leader of Kazakhstan, Kirghizia's neighbour, with whom Mr Akayev is often compared. Next month, capitalising on the popularity he gained during the coup, he is standing for direct election as his republic's president. Unfortunately, says his press officer with genuine puzzlement, nobody is yet standing against him.

Mr Akayev would probably be the first to regret that Kirghizia's first exercise in presidential campaigning will appear so undemocratic. Even now, after six years of perestroika, he is one of the few Soviet leaders who has not made his career through the Communist party and government apparatus.

The son of a cattleherd, he is by profession a quantum physicist and highly regarded in his field. He spent nearly 20 years teaching and researching in Leningrad, where he also learnt English. Like so many of today's Soviet politicians, he is a product of Khrushchev's cultural thaw, which is when his interest in politics began. During the Brezhnev years he abandoned politics for physics and his family: his wife, Mayram, one of the few Soviet women doctors of mechanical engineering, and four children.

Mr Akayev has been president of Kirghizia for a year. He was elected by a majority of the republic's parliament against Communist opposition, largely, it is believed, because all parliamentary sessions were shown on television and deputies knew their constituents would vote them out if they did not support him.

Mr Akayev and his wife are fervent anglophiles. From Adam Smith through Churchill to Margaret Thatcher, Britain has set a standard for the future free-enterprise democratic Kirghizia. The president wants to have Adam Smith translated into Kirghiz and made a set text in all the republic's schools. He read *The Wealth of Nations* as a research student and has ever since considered Smith more revolutionary than Marx. Moreover, he says, "as a scientist, I observe that the marxist experiment has failed, whereas the experiment with Adam Smith's ideas has justified itself across half the world".



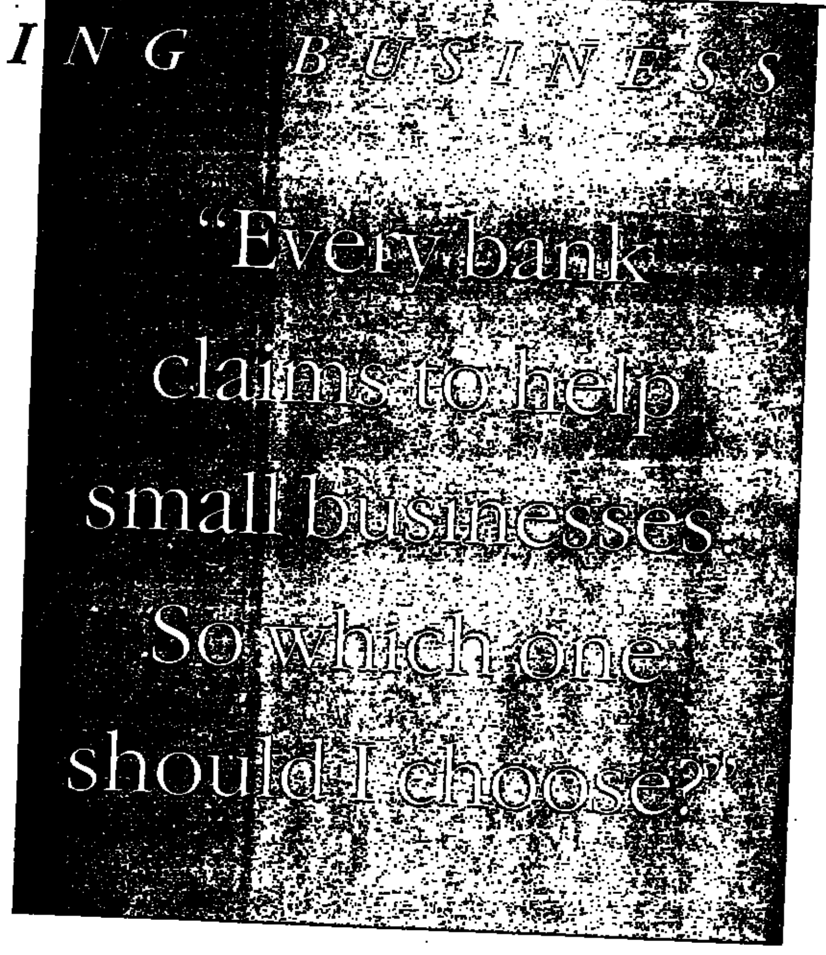
Mrs Akayev collects biographies of scientists and, like her husband's, her conversation is peppered with allusions to Faraday and other pioneers. They also appreciate George Orwell's *1984*, an exact prophecy, Mr Akayev believes, of what the Soviet people have been through in the past 70 years.

Mr Akayev wants to take Kirghizia into the future as a thriving and independent republic, ruled by law. He advocates complete liberalisation of prices and property ownership, but not all at once. Some of Bishkek's would-be entrepreneurs wish he would be more definite. Co-operative restaurants opened last year have gone, shut under anti-speculation measures, while recently established taxi co-operatives are threatened with closure after pressure from the state company which used to enjoy a monopoly.

Having looked around for something to replace the moral and ideological gap left by the Communist party, Mr Akayev has settled on religion. He marked this recognition by setting aside 500,000 roubles (£50,000 at official tourist rates) of his "president's fund" for building and restoring churches and mosques.

As for Kirghizia's place in the Soviet Union, new style or old, he is withering. "The union never existed as such," he says. "It was a unitary totalitarian state with a strong authoritarian centre. We will never accept this sort of centre again."

President Akayev's finest hour was during last month's coup, which he learned about from Ednan Karabayev, his chief aide, on the morning of August 19. Within 24 hours he had put most of his republic's party officials under house arrest and had kept at bay the commander of the Tashkent military region, who had threatened to deploy troops. He also sacked the head of the local KGB. By the time the coup ended, his enemies were routed, his popularity was immeasurably enhanced, and his reputation had become national, if not quite international. He himself says simply: "I was true to myself and my ideals."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Peking ignores writer's satire to hail a hero

From SARAH LUBMAN IN PEKING

JIANG Zemin, the Communist party leader, praised China's most famous modern satirist yesterday as a model communist who exemplified the nation's need to stick to socialism and reject bourgeois Western values.

Mr Jiang's speech was carried on the front page of China's main state-run daily newspapers on the 110th anniversary of the birth of Lu Xun, who died in 1936 and was arguably China's greatest modern writer. "Lu Xun's advocacy of taking whatever is useful from foreign countries and his firm opposition to the closed-door policy is still enlightening to us," Mr Jiang said. But he also recalled Lu's warning against becoming "thoroughly Westernised".

Mr Jiang said that Lu had never joined the Communist party. He nevertheless praised the iconoclastic writer as a loyal comrade and a great communist, the *People's Daily* reported. He also cautioned against hostile foreign forces which he accused of trying to overthrow China's socialist system with bourgeois values.

Lu is known for his biting essays and short stories that criticised both traditional Chinese culture and the 1911 revolution, which he viewed as ineffective. In 1930 he joined the pro-communist league of left-wing writers but was never a party member.

Although his scepticism of authority drew criticism from right and left, he has been posthumously touted as a national hero by the ageing Communist regime in Peking. The party line hails Lu as a patriot while conveniently glossing over his reputation as a great satirist who doubted the value of violent revolution.

Lu's satirical style has also made him a champion of those who oppose China's repressive government. Many Chinese intellectuals regard his cynical writing as still relevant, often citing *The Diary of a Madman* in which Lu decries the historical cruelty of Chinese society. "In spite of the Chinese profession of benevolence and righteousness ... traditional life consists of cannibalism," he wrote. "Perhaps there are still some children who have not yet become cannibalistic? Save the children ..." Other words penned by Lu were taken up as a battle cry in the wake of the government's mass killing of peaceful pro-democracy protesters in Peking on June 4, 1989. The writer's statement that "blood debts must be paid in kind" appeared scrawled on buildings and walls around the capital soon after the bloody crackdown in which hundreds died and thousands were wounded. Lu had made the statement to condemn the slaughter on March 26, 1926, of student demonstrators in Peking by troops of the regime then in power.

An American scholar of Chinese literature said in Peking that much of Lu's writing did little to bolster the present regime. "If anyone actually ever read Lu Xun, this government would be down the drain," the scholar said, observing that Lu "does not suffer fools gladly".

The Chinese media painted a different picture of Lu on his anniversary. The *Peking Daily* praised him as a soldier for the communist cause and lashed out at so-called "flies" for corrupting influences from the West. "On our small globe, there are various flies big and small ... tarnishing us and defaming us," the newspaper said, attacking "lackies beyond redemption" who attack "the Communist party, socialism and our motherland".

Fair cops: two policemen watch in fascination as a roller coaster, seemingly devoid of bourgeois values, loops the loop at an amusement park in Peking yesterday

More than 200 die as landslide buries homes in China

By SARAH LUBMAN

MORE than 200 people have been killed and hundreds made homeless by a huge landslide in south-west China. Troops are leading rescue teams to dig out the injured, officials said yesterday.

The landslide, in a remote region of Yunnan province, was caused by heavy rain. First estimates say 216 people were killed on Monday when a torrent of mud and rock nearly five miles long cascaded down a mountain, burying some 120 farm households.

Yunnan provincial officials reached by telephone from Peking said soldiers and armed police had been sent to the disaster area outside the northern city of Zhaotong. The rescue crews were moving hundreds of homeless victims to safer areas. Relief supplies were on their way to the area and communications were operating, they said. The provincial radio reported earlier that as many as 270 people may have been buried in the landslide, put at 300 yards wide and 90ft deep.

An official in Kunming, the Yunnan capital, said the provincial government had formed a disaster response task force, and that Li Peng, the Chinese prime minister, had telephoned provincial leaders to convey his condolences. Yunnan, bordering Vietnam, Laos and Burma, is one of China's wildest and least accessible provinces.

The disaster has so far gone unreported by China's state-run Xinhua news agency and the main daily newspapers. The Chinese authorities often delay or minimise news of natural disasters for fear of triggering unrest or provoking criticism of the communist regime.

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Oxford shares sweet taste of success

STEPHEN MARKESON

Molecule men: Raymond Dwek, left, and Raj Parekh see the potential for combating today's scourges

Researchers believe sugars may hold the key to some cures, including Aids and cancers, writes Nigel Hawkes

The study of sugars is providing a new understanding of the way complex molecules operate in the body — and a new route to providing drugs to cure disease.

The biological revolution of the past 20 years has been based on genes and proteins, but sugars, long neglected, could be found to be equally important. All biological molecules, such as proteins and peptides, occur in nature linked to sugars. In the past, these sugar molecules have been considered unimportant hangers-on with little biological significance, but growing evidence now shows how wrong this belief was.

The sugars around a bacterium, for example, can determine how infective it is. On sperm and egg, sugars control the process of fertilisation and the creation of new life.

Parasites use sugars as anchors to attach themselves to their host, while the enzymes that dissolve blood clots have a varied repertoire of sugar coatings that give subtle control.

Almost every living process appears to depend for its success on the shape, size and composition of the sugar molecules that are wrapped around cells, proteins and peptides.

The science of these intriguing chemicals, known as glycobiology, is expected to be one of the most exciting developments of the 1990s. One of the pioneers is Professor Raymond Dwek, of Oxford University, who has even suggested that proteins are merely platforms for carrying sugars around.

The university recently showed its confidence in the new science by investing money in Oxford Glycosystems, a local company in Abingdon exploiting the work of Professor Dwek's glycobiology unit.

Dale Pfost, Oxford Glycosystems' managing director, says this is the first time in the university's 800-year history that it has chosen to invest venture capital in a new company that uses science developed at Oxford.

The science has already created a potentially valuable Aids drug. The virus that causes Aids, HIV, is surrounded by sugars that control the way it binds to human cells. By blocking that binding, the ability of the virus to infect the cell may be reduced.

'The discoveries offer fabulous opportunities for developing new pharmaceuticals'

The first drug based on this principle, N butyl deoxynojirimycin, is now in the second phase of clinical trials on 100 patients, and results are expected early next year. Other drugs, to combat inflammation and cancer, are also in trials, says Dr Raj Parekh, of Oxford Glycosystems, who sees "fabulous opportunities for the development of new pharmaceuticals".

Glycobiology is growing rapidly because it has only recently become possible to work out the structure and the sequence of the complex sugar molecules around important proteins. One of the first of these to be deciphered was the clot-busting enzyme, tissue plasminogen activator, or tPA, published by Professor Dwek's group a few years ago.

Genentech, the company that originally produced tPA as a heart drug, was granted a patent for it without ever identifying the sugar molecules.

Professor Dwek and his colleagues subsequently showed that the sugars are vital in controlling the enzyme's activity. There are four sites where sugars can attach themselves, and given the range of different sugars, that provides more than 1,000 possible different forms.

Although it is unlikely that nature needs all of them, the range of variation enables it to tailor the enzyme precisely to its function. The same is expected to be true for most other biologically active molecules, which puts a wholly new complexion on the patenting of drugs.

In future, drug companies probably will have to characterise not only the proteins but also the sugars to win a patent. The possibility also exists of creating a range of drugs, modified by adding different sugars to different sites, which will go some way towards matching the body's own delicate control system.

Sugars are now popping up everywhere. Women suffering from pre-eclampsia, a dangerous condition of pregnancy, are now known to have a repertoire of sugars different from those of other women. The same applies to sufferers from the auto-immune disease rheumatoid arthritis.

The sugar "library" changes during pregnancy, which explains the otherwise baffling observation that women with rheumatoid arthritis go into remission when they become pregnant.

Oxford Glycosystems aims to exploit as many of these opportunities as it can. Initially it provides analytical services and biochemicals, but will soon market analytical instruments needed by other laboratories moving into the field.

UPDATE

Bronze Age man kept on ice

A MUMMIFIED body found in an alpine glacier several days ago is from the Bronze Age, Austrian scientists say. The 4,000-year-old body, with an axe in one hand and an arm thrown over the face, was covered with brown leathery skin.

The hands and feet were intact and hair was visible on the head. The body was 5ft long and wore leather clothes and shoes stuffed with hay.

Frozen history: man with axe

The body, which shows signs of injury to the back and skull, appears to have been mummified by winds and is in excellent condition. Konrad Spindler, professor of early history at the University of Innsbruck, says that an axe found close to the body, with a wooden shaft and copper blade, is definitely of the early Bronze Age.

The man also carried a lighter — a flint in a small bag. Examination of the body continues and scientists intend to look at the contents of the stomach to try to determine the dead man's diet.

Fifth Pole hole

RESEARCHERS have found a new ozone hole over the South Pole that may be bigger than the four large holes already detected there. The new hole, found by Japanese scientists stationed in the Antarctic, follows the discovery of large holes in 1985, 1987, 1989 and 1990.

Japan's gap

A SHORTAGE of 480,000 researchers by 2005 in Japan is predicted by the country's science and technology agency if more people do not choose science as a profession. Officials say Japan could trail other nations in science and technology as a result.

Space delay

THE European Space Agency may delay the first flight of its Hermes space plane by two years to 2002. Hermes, which strongly resembles the American space shuttle, has been on the drawing board since 1986 but has been plagued by rising cost estimates.

Subatomic lab

CANADA is to build a laboratory to mass-produce subatomic particles needed for studying the origins of the universe. The factory will employ 17,000 people.

Do you work in a green house?

A scheme which awards marks for environmentally friendly offices is to be extended to new homes and stores

At Water End, York, a small office building with a difference is nearing completion. According to experts working with the Building Research Establishment, at Garston, near Watford, Hertfordshire, it is one of the most ecologically friendly in Britain.

The 5,000 square foot structure, designed by McNeil and Beechey for the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and called the Garden House, has scored 19 out of 21 for its environmental features under the environmental assessment method scheme (BREEAM), which was launched last year.

Only one other office has scored as high, said Miles Attenborough, of the ECD Partnership in London, the scheme's assessors. This is the Solaris building in Basingstoke, Hampshire, developed by Argent Estates.

The assessment scheme, it was announced this week, is being extended to new homes and superstores, in response to growing concerns over the environment.

BREEAM assessors study buildings in the design stage or when newly built and award points for their impact on the global and neighbourhood environment as well as for their health inside.

In the Garden House, for example, emissions of carbon dioxide, the global warming gas, are minimised by the structure being "self-ventilating". This removes the need for an energy consuming air-conditioning system which would have also used chloroflurocarbons (CFCs), chemicals linked with the destruction of the Earth's ozone layer.

All insulation materials are also ozone-friendly, Mr Attenborough says. The hardwoods used in the building have come from renewable, self-sustaining, temperate forests in Europe and America, rather than the tropical rainforests.

The property scored points for being built on land which was reclaimed or had been previously built upon. Hazardous materials are absent including asbestos and lead-based paint. Inside there is also designated space for storing materials to be recycled.

Hot water is supplied "at point of use" ending the need for a water storage tower, a device which has been linked with outbreaks of Legionnaires' disease.

Some workers can suffer headaches and other illnesses brought on by a flickering effect from standard lighting systems. In the Garden House the compact fluorescent bulbs are high frequency energy efficient and flicker free.

And to avoid staff arguments, the building, which is built round a glass atrium, also has a separate area for smokers.

Since the BREEAM scheme for offices started, 90 buildings have or are in the process of being assessed over a wide area from London to Manchester and Dublin.

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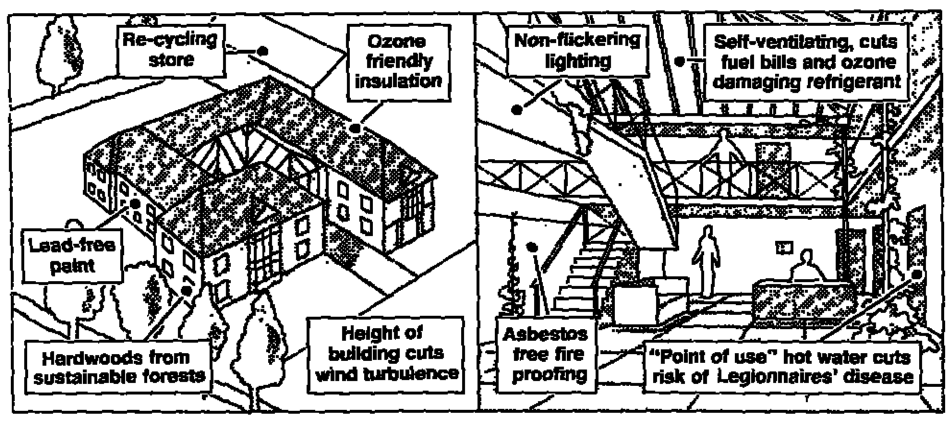
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Teletext will make video recording simple

NEARLY one in three owners still has considerable difficulty in getting a video recorder to tape the correct programme, switch on at the right time or even come on at all, despite a wide variety of methods to make programming machines easier.

Manufacturers, such as Ferguson, which conducted the most recent survey, are disturbed by the findings: They believe the figure is much higher because many people will not admit they cannot work their recorders properly.

On conventional timer systems users press buttons in a set sequence. Alternatives have been developed using bar codes, on-screen text displays and even talking remote control handsets.

Now two systems have been introduced to make the process even simpler. Ferguson, Philips and Mitsubishi are to market recorders that use a system known as Startext. These recorders have a built-in teletext decoder that allows users to call up teletext pages on their television screen. To set the timer, users select the teletext television listing page, move an on-screen cursor to the programme required and press a button.

Startext also solves one of the biggest problems for timer users — missing the end of a programme because the previous one overran. Every television programme is transmitted with a unique identification code and as the recorder continuously scans the teletext service for the code it will switch on the timer only after detecting it.

I've set the BBC Hogmanay celebrations for 1994
STARTEXT
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This system could be the answer but it requires broadcasters to modify their teletext transmissions. At the moment, however, only Channel 4 is committed to using the system, starting in December.

The independent television companies are waiting for their franchises to be sorted out and the earliest the BBC could introduce the system is 1993.

Jay Chinnadori, Ferguson's marketing director, says: "We are confident that once the public get to see the benefits of Startext, the other television broadcasters will follow suit."

The delay could give another system, Video Plus, time to become established.

Video Plus, which is expected to cost about £50 in Britain, uses a unit that looks like a conventional remote control handset. To set the timer, users tap the programme code number that appears with the details in listings magazines into the Video Plus handset. The handset is placed facing the recorder, and at the correct time it automatically switches on the machine, selects the channel and starts the recording.

The system has been a great success in the United States. There are millions of users, and more than 100 newspapers and magazines publish the codes. In Britain, News International newspapers, including *The Times*, will publish the codes.

GEORGE COLE

Law Report September 26 1991 Privy Council

Evidence of previous jury's verdict inadmissible in separate murder trial

Hui Chi-ming v The Queen

Before Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton, Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle and Lord Lowry

[Judgment August 5]

Evidence of the fact that the alleged principal offender had at an earlier trial been acquitted of murder and convicted of manslaughter was irrelevant and therefore inadmissible at the separate trial of an alleged secondary party to a joint enterprise, the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council held.

Their Lordships further held that a secondary party might be liable simply by participating in a joint enterprise with foresight that the principal might commit a further act as part of the joint enterprise, and it was not necessary in every case for the relevant act to have been shown to have been in the contemplation of both parties.

Their Lordships dismissed an appeal by the appellant, Hui Chi-ming, from the dismissal by the Court of Appeal of Hong Kong on December 30, 1988, of his application for leave to appeal against his conviction on April 27, 1988, of murder. He had been sentenced to death.

Mr Martin Thomas, QC and Mr Robert Britton for the appellant; Mr A .P. Duckett, QC, Deputy Crown Prosecutor, Hong Kong and Mr Cheung Wai-sun, Senior Crown Counsel, Hong Kong, for the Crown.

LORD LOWRY said that after the girlfriend of Ah Po had spoken with Ah Hung, she told Ah Po who told his friends, including the appellant, and asked them to go to an estate to look for Ah Hung.

Ah Po, carrying a length of waterpipe, went to the estate with the appellant and four other youths. A man was struck by the pipe wielded, the Crown alleged, by Ah Po. The man, who was not Ah Hung but an innocent victim, received injuries from which he later died.

In 1987 Ah Po and three of the group were indicted for murder. Ah Po pleaded not guilty. Two of the group pleaded guilty to manslaughter and the other was acquitted. Ah Po was acquitted of murder and convicted of manslaughter. He was sentenced to six years imprisonment.

The appellant was subsequently arrested and initially charged with manslaughter but he was indicted for murder. Another friend of Ah Po was jointly indicted for murder with the appellant but his plea of guilty to manslaughter was accepted. The Crown offered to accept a plea of guilty to manslaughter from the appellant but he refused.

The prosecution's case at the appellant's trial was that Ah Po, encouraged and assisted by the other members of the group, had attacked the victim and beaten him severely with the pipe, thereby inflicting grievous injuries from which he died.

The prosecution presented the case against the appellant on the basis that Ah Po had been guilty of murder. The appellant's counsel, so that the jury might know the result of the earlier trial, wished to adduce evidence of Ah Po's acquittal of murder and conviction only of manslaughter.

The prosecution's objection was upheld by the trial judge. That was correct because the verdict reached by a different jury, whether on the same or different evidence, an the earlier trial was irrelevant and amounted to no more than evidence of the opinion of that jury.

The appellant also alleged that the judge had misdirected the jury in relation to joint enterprise. Having explained that a party was liable for the consequences of such acts of the others as were done pursuant to a common criminal enterprise, and emphasising that a party was not liable for the consequences of an act which went beyond that which had been expressly or tacitly agreed, he had directed the jury, *inter alia*, that the appellant would be guilty of murder if the jury were sure beyond reasonable doubt that he contemplated that in the carrying out of the common unlawful purpose one of his partners in the enterprise might use a lethal weapon with the intention of at least causing really serious harm.

That direction contemplated that one party, the principal, might in carrying out the common unlawful purpose commit an act which, although not mutually arranged in advance, was within the contemplation of an accessory, who would also be guilty of murder.

The appellant's printed case referred to *Chan Wing-Siu v The Queen* ([1985] AC 168) and to *Johns v The Queen* ((1980) 143 CLR 108) and on that part concluded with the proposition that if reliance was to be placed simply on the foresight of the secondary party the judge ought to direct the jury to consider whether the risk as recognised by the accused was sufficient to make him a party to the crime committed by the principal.

As to that, their Lordships considered that on the facts the judge had put the case to the jury adequately and correctly.

Mr Thomas had made two further points.

The first was that the judge should have told the jury that, for the appellant to be guilty of murder, it was necessary that Ah Po contemplated the possibility of at least grievous bodily harm being caused when the unlawful agreement to assault Ah Hung was made; otherwise his severe attack on the victim, though intended when made, would have gone beyond what was authorised by the agreement.

The second was that Sir Robin Cooke's equation in *Chan* of contemplation with authorisation meant that an accomplice who merely foresaw the further and additional act of the principal was not thereby rendered liable for that act.

The principle enunciated in *Chan* had since been clearly stated in *R v Ward* ((1986) 85 Cr App R 71) and *R v Slack* ([1989] QB 775), in both of which *Chan* was expressly approved and applied, and most recently in *R v Hyde* ([1991] 1 QB 134), which also applied *Chan* and correctly stated the law applicable to a joint enterprise which resulted in the commission of murder by the principal as an incident of the joint enterprise.

The appellant's first submission could be disposed of in the facts by pointing out that Ah Po's arming himself with the waterpipe before setting out showed unequivocally what he contemplated at that stage.

The submission was based on *Johns v The Queen* ((1980) 143 CLR 108, 130-131). However, in that passage, attention was being concentrated on those cases in which the question was whether the act of the principal fell within the common purpose of the parties. In such a case the contemplation of both parties would be relevant.

But, as appeared from *Chan*, the secondary party might be liable simply by reason of his participating in the joint enterprise with foresight that the principal might commit the relevant act as part thereof.

In most cases the contemplation of the primary and secondary party was likely to be the same. If there was an alleged difference it would arise where the secondary party asserted in his defence that he did not have in contemplation the act which was in the contemplation of the principal.

But their Lordships were unable to accept that in every case the relevant act had to be shown to have been in the contemplation of both parties before the secondary party could be proved guilty.

Having regard to *Chan* and the cases which applied it, the prior contemplation of the principal was not a necessary additional ingredient and in the present case the judge had no duty to direct the jury to that effect.

The appellant's second point relied on Sir Robin Cooke's use of "authorisation" as a synonym for contemplation. The word was used to emphasise that mere foresight was not enough: the accessory, in order to be guilty, had to have foreseen the relevant offence which the principal might commit as a possible incident of the common unlawful enterprise and, with such foresight, still have participated in the enterprise.

"Authorisation" explained what was meant by contemplation but did not add a new ingredient. The judge had accurately conveyed that idea to the jury. Their Lordships therefore rejected all the criticisms of the judge's directions on joint enterprise.

The appellant further contended that in the circumstances to prosecute him for murder rather than manslaughter amounted to an abuse of process which would have justified and even called for the trial judge's refusal to allow the prosecution to proceed.

The doctrine of abuse of process and the remedy of refusal to allow a trial to proceed were well established. The main modern authorities were *Connelly v DPP* ([1964] AC 1254) and *R v Humphrys* ([1977] AC 1).

Cases showed that trial of a secondary offender could proceed although the alleged principal had been acquitted in an earlier trial. In such circumstances abuse of process had not even been suggested: see, for example, *R v Luk Siu-keung* ([1984] HKLR 333).

The Crown had acted consistently by accepting pleas of guilty to manslaughter from all the secondary parties. The Crown was willing to accept such a plea from the appellant, but that did not mean that it was an abuse of process to indict and prosecute him for murder.

There was a strong *prima facie* case of murder. There was no evidence of bad faith on the part of the Crown nor, in view of the evidence, could the charge of murder be called an overcharge much less a deliberate overcharge. There was ample evidence to support a conviction for murder and the first jury's acquittal of Ah Po was perverse.

Although the appellant had been sentenced to death, while the others merely received prison sentences varying between three and six years, the appellant could have pleaded guilty to manslaughter instead of advancing a defence of non-participation which was rejected.

There was no aspect of the case which could credibly be described as an abuse of process, namely something so unfair and wrong that the court should not allow a prosecutor to proceed with what was in all respects a regular proceeding.

That a serious anomaly had occurred could not be denied. If the appellant had been tried with Ah Po there could be no doubt he would not have been found guilty of murder.

In giving judgment in *Luk Siu-keung* (at p339) Mr Justice of Appeal Li said that it was open to the Governor-in-Council to exercise his prerogative of mercy to commute the sentence to a suitable term as an act of humanity, but as far as the law was concerned there was nothing they could do.

Their Lordships accordingly recommended that the appeal should be dismissed

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If it feels good, do it

Victoria McKee reports on an exhibition of the 'healing arts' and how it is viewed by orthodox medicine

STEPHEN MARKESON

Woman of vision: Dr Janet Goodrich (centre) supervises eye improvement exercises for Barry Cotton and Mandy Zoch

First "make friends with your blur", counsels Janet Goodrich, a "natural vision improvement" therapist whose treatment expands on the eye exercises and psychology first expounded by William Bates in the 1920s, by coupling them with visualisation and other techniques.

Then use "emotional healing" to seek out the reason for the blur. This can, Dr Goodrich (a doctor of philosophy) believes, come from a "fear of seeing" rather than any organic cause.

"Most people have been told by orthodox eye professionals that eyesight blur is inevitable, inherited or non-reversible," says Dr Goodrich, who stopped wearing spectacles 20 years ago, having supposedly reversed severe myopia. "Why are humans supposed to be helpless where their eyesight is concerned, whereas in all other areas of physical functioning physiotherapy, muscular retraining and neurological repatterning can make a difference?"

Dr Goodrich, an American living in Australia, is one of more than 30 workshop leaders and 140 exhibitors at the fourth Healing Arts "alternative medicine and complementary therapies exhibition", which opens in London today at the Royal Horticultural Halls and continues until Sunday.

They include Denise Linn, who bases her healing on traditional American Indian "medicine man" techniques, Dr Francesca Rossetti who propounds "psycho-regression therapy", Lex von Someren who teaches that in order to be healthy we should discover "the sacred clown within us", and Saki Lee who advises on how to "open the door for your child within".

There will be demonstrations of "eurythmy therapy", "trance ritual dancing and Tibetan breathing techniques" and "didgeridoo healing massage", as well as seminars on "polarity therapy", "rejuvenation" and "higher consciousness", in addition to representations by acupuncturists, aromatherapists, homoeopaths, herbalists and reflexologists.

The Healing Arts exhibition is an offshoot of the annual Mind, Body and Spirit Festival begun in 1971 by Graham Wilson, the founder of the London Natural Health Clinic and a specialist in Kirlian photography, often called "aura photography".

Mr Wilson explains the difference between the two events: "That festival covers all aspects of what were then 'alternative' lifestyles, including ecology and spirituality, astrology and palmistry. There was so much on the health side that I decided there was enough to start a separate exhibition, although some exhibitors overlap."

The British Medical Association is taking another look at complementary medicine now that so many of its members are incorporating it into their alopathic practices and spiritual healers are working in NHS hospitals and health centres: Dr Natalie Jane Macdonald, the secretary to the BMA's ethical committee and a member of the alternative medicine working party, says: "The BMA's report on complementary medicine in the early 1980s received considerable criticism for being unsympathetic. But because there has been such a huge increase in interest in it over the past few years the BMA has been looking again not only at the British situation but a much more Europe-wide position, with 1992 in mind.

"The BMA's view is that it's good for qualified doctors to undertake these treatments because they go through a well-regulated training programme, whereas there's nothing to stop anyone in Britain from setting up shop and offering these therapies."

Even representatives of Health Watch — originally known as "Quackbusters" and quite scathing about unorthodox methods — are expressing a cautious acceptance of some.

Professor Vincent Marks, the deputy chairman of Health Watch and a vice-president of the Royal College of Pathologists, says: "I think the established international medical profession is recognising that there are other skills than their own which may help people to lead better lives. Dr Goodrich's theories about vision, for example, sound quite plausible, but she needs to have her results measured by objective tests.

"It is claims that can't be substantiated that worry me. Most of these theories have rarely been tested. But they are difficult to assess. If they are ways of making you feel good like having nice clothes or having your hair done, fine. Hairdressers could begin to call themselves tricotherapists, I suppose."

The Health Watch view is that "the British register of complementary therapies begun by the Institute for Complementary Medicine [ICM] is at least the beginning", but Professor Marks advises: "I would continue to remain sceptical even of registers unless I knew the credentials of all those who compiled them."

Anthony Baird, the director of the ICM, which is compiling the British register, says: "We have done homoeopathy and hypnotherapy, and have a Chinese medicine division which includes herbal medicine and acupuncture. Within the next month massage, aromatherapy, osteopathy and reflexology will be included." The object is to protect the public against maverick practitioners by providing a list of qualified ones in each area.

Mr Baird, a former film industry executive, broadly concurs with Professor Marks and Dr Macdonald that "if it doesn't involve anything remotely dangerous being done to you — which means ingesting anything or contorting your body — then go ahead, enjoy yourself".

Otherwise, their message is, proceed with caution, check that the practitioner you choose has been trained and registered, if possible, with a reputable organisation and "retain a healthy scepticism", as Professor Marks puts it — in addition to any sense of well-being you hope to acquire.

And if you are worried about trying some of the therapies being demonstrated, it might help to acquire a "New Age Contact" to hold your hand.

John Kelsey, a former builder and amateur addiction counsellor, started his New Age Contacts agency, which advertises in the exhibition programme, eight months ago.

"It's not a dating agency," he insists, "but for people with new age consciousness to get in touch." People similar, perhaps, to the couple from south Wales, in their late thirties, who "would like to meet friendly, sensitive couples interested in UFOs, self-awareness, spiritualism, meditation, corn circles and travel".

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MEDICAL BRIEFING **Dr Thomas Stuttaford**

Best care for breasts

NICK MALAND

NO DOCTOR who regularly sees patients who have had breast cancer diagnosed at an early stage as a result of finding a lump by self-examination could doubt that the comments of Sir Donald Acheson, the retiring chief medical officer, on this form of screening had the primary objective of boosting mammography rather than denigrating a common sense procedure. In a statement made the following day, Sir Donald made it plain that he was not opposed to the regular examination of their breasts by women and, indeed, felt that they should become familiar with their structure and contours, but that he felt this was only one method, and not the best, for detecting malignant changes and that the mammography screening available should be used.

The good news on breast disease is that the research work by Professor Michael Baum on gestodene, one of the constituents of some contraceptive pills, as an anti-breast cancer drug is proving promising and further trials are taking place. As reported in Medical Briefing last year, experiments suggested that gestodene, which is included in two contraceptive pills, Femodene and Minulet, seem to inhibit the growth of breast cancer cells and that although the dose would probably be too small to be a truly effective anti-cancer agent, it would seem sensible to take these pills if possible, particularly as there is a suggestion that some other contraceptive pills might have the reverse effect.

Professor Baum has long maintained that the ideal way for women to take a drug to prevent breast cancer would be to combine one in the contraceptive pill.

Work on the treatment of breast cancer also continues. *Doctor* magazine reports that Professor Richard Blamey of Nottingham University has shown that the drug Zoladex, goserelin, can be used as an alternative to the surgical removal of ovaries in some cases of breast cancer in younger women (where breast cancer is often hormone-dependent) who are unable or unwilling to undergo the operation.

The chemistry of Alzheimer's

ALTHOUGH there are now more cases of senile dementia caused by Alzheimer's disease in the United Kingdom than there were 50 years ago, the increase is related to the greater number of people reaching old age, and not to any increase in risk for any individual. Fortunately, the evidence suggests that not only are more people living longer but more retain their intelligence into old age.

In the meantime, research into the basic chemistry of Alzheimer's disease is taking place at Guy's Hospital in London, where trials of a new drug, a cholinesterase inhibiter derived from physostigmine, have proved promising with healthy human volunteers; the drug has been well tolerated by the over-65s. It is hoped in time to find a substance which might reduce memory loss and dementia but the drug under trial at Guy's has only just completed phase one of a long series of trials and should the scientists' expectations be rewarded, which is by no means certain, it would be many years before it became available in clinical medicine.

The other encouraging news is that the fear that taking aluminium-based indigestion medicines might increase the chance of developing Alzheimer's (a high level of aluminium in the water supply seems to be a risk factor) has proved groundless. A retrospective study in Norway involving more than 4,000 patients has confirmed earlier research that there was no increase in the instance of Alzheimer's in patients who had regularly taken indigestion tablets or medicines, most of which are made out of aluminium, for many years.

Temporary relief at a price

ACROMEGALY, a disease that can substantially alter an adult's appearance, is caused by the secretion of excessive amounts of growth hormone, usually from an acidophilic tumour of the pituitary gland. The patient's appearance is not only altered but the tumour also interferes with the smooth running of other endocrine glands, so that blood pressure is increased and the heart put under strain. The patient's hands, feet and jaw enlarge, the teeth spread out and the facial skin becomes coarsened. As the tumour enlarges vision may be affected. The treatment of choice is surgery or occasionally radiotherapy but, for those awaiting an operation, bromocriptine has proved a useful drug. Now another growth hormone inhibitor, Sandostatin, which is quicker and more effective, has been licensed for use. One drawback is the cost, £5,000 a year per patient.

Why some believe that every cancer patient needs a nurse with special training

Talking sense and sensitivity

Susan Burton heard that she had cancer from a dental surgeon who had his back turned to her at the time. "He fiddled around with a shelf while he told me I had a tumour and that part of my jaw would need to be removed. He didn't look at me at all while he was saying this," she says.

The dentist then walked out, leaving his assistant to fill Mrs Burton's mouth with a sticky moulding material which made further questions impossible.

Mrs Burton, aged 45, a generic social worker in the West Midlands, knows that afterwards she drove home alone, although she remembers nothing about that journey.

Each year more than 230,000 people in the UK are told they have cancer, but only an unfortunate minority have the news handed out with such a lack of sensitivity.

Research commissioned by the charity Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund (CRMF) and published yesterday revealed that a third of cancer patients were dissatisfied with the way their bad news was delivered. Just under half felt doctors made a good job of telling them, while about a fifth were ambivalent.

The reason for this confusion is simple: many patients remember little or nothing of what is said after the words "cancer", or the euphemisms "tumour" and "growth", are uttered, says Kathy Welch, a Macmillan nurse.

When doctors told Carmen Spivey that her three-year-old daughter had cancer, she ran out of the room and fainted. Mrs Spivey, aged 36, explains: "The consultant tried to tell us as gently as possible, but however it was done it was going to be a shock. I found the best way of handling it was to decide that this was the end of Alicia's life, so that I couldn't be let down any more."

In fact, her daughter had a rare malignancy, yolk sac cancer, with a good chance of recovery. Alicia, who is now five and in good health, is the sick child who will be featured in a poster campaign to be launched by the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund on Monday.

Yesterday the Prince of Wales launched a fundraising campaign which aims to provide Macmillan nurses (who specialise in the treatment and emotional support of cancer patients) in every hospital in the land.

There are 800 Macmillan nurses, mostly working in the community helping patients in the latter stages of their illness. However, the fundraisers believe there is an urgent need for nurses to provide emotional support and advice from the moment of diagnosis onwards.

"Nearly every cancer patient thinks they are dying — and many are not," says Kathryn Welch, one of only about 60 Macmillan nurses based in a hospital.

"They are often too stunned to ask questions at the time of diagnosis, so we can act as their advocates and make sure the consultant comes back and explains it all again. If the cancer is not curable we can redirect their hopes to an improved quality of life, and reassure them that they are not having to face this on their own.

A picture of hope: five-year-old Alicia Spivey

"One of their worst problems is being unable to talk to the people nearest to them because they don't want to cause them pain. Our job is to listen, give information, try to help them with the things that are bothering them the most, such as how to tell the children, and to help them regain some feeling of control over their lives. I don't find this job depressing, although it does depress me that so many people are unable to get the kind of help we can offer them, and which I really think makes a difference to the way they recover."

The CRMF survey makes it clear that the greatest unmet need occurs soon after diagnosis: nine patients out of ten said they needed more information and support than they got at this time.

Mrs Burton, although transferred to a more sympathetic consultant, was totally unprepared for the unpleasant, radical treatment given to prolong her life. Her distress was increased by the fact that the nurses who originally cared for her did not discuss her disease.

She does not feel her doctors were honest about her prognosis, and only trusts information which comes from the Macmillan nurse who now cares for her.

"I told the doctors at the outset that it was my body and that I wanted to know what was going on with it, but after a while they stopped showing me the X-rays. Keeping the truth from a cancer patient makes the fear worse, and recovery harder."

Mrs Spivey did not need the services of a Macmillan nurse until she got home with Alicia. "On the ward, all the parents supported each other."

Alicia had been fitted with a Hickman line — a permanent opening into the vein which needs a simple, painless cleaning procedure. But she screamed when her mother tried to do this. "I rang Helen, the nurse, and said 'help' and she came straight over," Mrs Spivey says.

Three years ago Nicola Gunn, then aged 26, was told the lump at the side of her right breast was malignant. Mrs Gunn, who runs a microbiology laboratory in Needham Market, Suffolk, says: "I thought my life was finished.

"I really wish I had a Macmillan nurse at that time. I had three terrible months when I desperately needed to be able to pour out my feelings to someone who was not a member of the family. When I got to the Royal Marsden Hospital for a second opinion, the nurses there seemed to inject a form of positive thinking into me. They gave me faith in the fact that people do get well and do recover."

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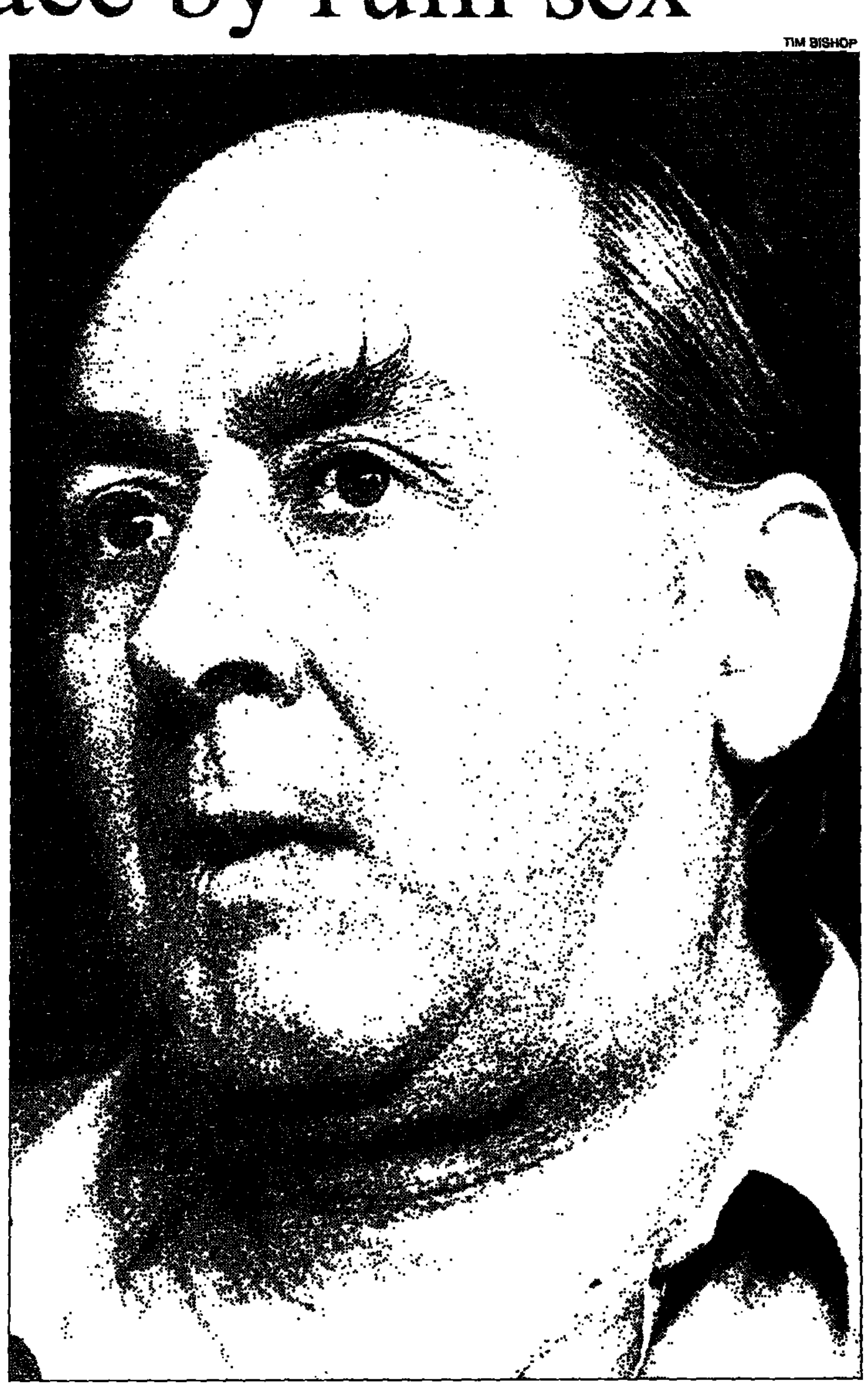
David Sexton on an obsessive quest for healing the past by sex and violence and a kind of bliss


TIM BISHOP

J. G. Ballard, putting the terrible events of his childhood into the context of his lifetime

Does J. G. Ballard know how strange he is? Perhaps not. *The Kindness of Women* appears at first to be a cool analysis of his perverse obsessions, tracing them back to their source in order to bring them under control. But actually the book is also itself another expression of his peculiar sensibility, no exorcism of it.

Ballard surprised his readers with *Empire of the Sun*. A break with science fiction and sexualised violence, this was a matter-of-fact account of his own dislocated childhood in a Japanese prison camp in Shanghai. It had been written 40 years after the events it described, but the delay had made no difference. The book's vividness showed that something in Ballard was still trapped there: part of him was still that pubescent boy, conjuring omens out of the confusion.

Empire of the Sun ended with the end of the war, with Jim stepping on to a ship bound for England. *The Kindness of Women* briefly goes back to pre-war Shanghai, but then rapidly takes the story on, through Ballard's career, right up to the shooting of the film of *Empire of the Sun* on a set in England. In this bizarre way, Ballard makes an imagined yet physical return to his past.

Unlike *Empire of the Sun*, *The Kindness of Women* is written in the first person. Though it may be fiction, it could easily be believed to be fact. The style is industriously circumstantial, alarmingly so in the sexual passages, and, rather than tell you what sense he makes of it now, Jim, the narrator, tells you what he did and felt at the time. This makes for an engrossing read. The way Ballard circles fixatedly around different versions of a few central events – drownings, crashes, the sexual act – gives the book a kind of inadvertent unity too.

At the end of the war, wandering around Shanghai, he stumbles upon four Japanese soldiers slowly murdering a Chinese youth on a railway station. He expects them to murder him too. They don't. "Did they think I was already dead and would continue my journey without their help?" he asks.

The scene shifts to Cambridge, where Ballard briefly studied medicine. Jim has chosen a female corpse to dissect. "Exposing herself to young men with knives in their hands, she set a kind of order on my memories of the dead Chinese and Japanese I had seen during the war." After the dissection, he drops the course.

He becomes a flyer, emulating those Japanese and American pilots, dead and alive, he saw in Shanghai. Training in Canada, he becomes obsessed with a crashed plane at the bottom of a lake, in which a pilot committed suicide. Inevitably, he crashes his own while searching for it. Discharged, he returns to England, marries his lover, Miriam, and has three children. Ten years later, on holiday in Spain, his wife dies in an accident. Jim throws himself into the experiments of the Sixties, in the belief that his personal needs have somehow intersected with the mood of the times. In pursuit of this idiotic policy, Jim becomes involved in many unsavoury goings-on, from holding an exhibition of crashed cars to crashing into his lover's car himself. He survives. Others do not. This sick idea, that "messages of violence and desire alone could assuage the bereaved", is never quite rejected, as it deserves to be.

Finally, Jim offers his own conclusion to his story. "The time of desperate stratagems was over, the car crashes and hallucinogens, the deviant sex ransacked like a library of extreme metaphors. Miriam and all the murdered dead of a world war had made their peace. The happiness I had found had been waiting for me within the modest reach of my own arms, in my children and the women I had loved, and in the friends who had made their own way through the craze years."

THE KINDNESS OF WOMEN
By J. G. Ballard
HarperCollins, £14.99

This last is a sweet remark, worthy of Patience Strong at her best, and quite inappropriate to the book, as is its title. The central subject is Jim's own quest to recover what he left in Shanghai. Sex plays a role in this – but Ballard appears to believe he has written a hymn to regular domestic intimacy. Does he think that the sexual life he credits Jim with here is normal? All the women are part of his preoccupation with his past. The many sexual episodes, which should carry so much emotional significance, are described as if by an experimenter.

The Kindness of Women handsomely fulfils one celebrated definition of the function of imaginative literature, that it should make you realise that other people act on moral convictions different from your own. In that respect, it certainly has a great success. It also makes you realise the inadequacy of the definition.

Anne Barnes on a potent batch of novels of love and ambiguity

Love of an older woman

Anne Barnes

HIDDEN IN THE HEART
By Dan Jacobson
Bloomsbury, £12.99

MURTHER AND WALKING SPIRITS
By Robertson Davies
Sinclair-Stevenson, £14.95

THE SINS OF THE FATHER
By Allan Massie
Century Hutchinson, £13.99

HAPPILY EVER AFTER
By Jenny Diski
Hamish Hamilton, £14.99

WHEN he falls in love with an older woman in **Hidden in the Heart**, Dan Jacobson's hero feels that he is running a race against her, a race which he cannot win and she can only lose. He is a young Afrikaner student, uncertain about English ways and careful in his attempts to meet social requirements as he sees them. She is a confident Dulwich wife with teenage son and a belief in the soundness of her marriage. Her husband, a more ambiguous figure, is cold and manipulative enough to know what is going on, but not to say so until it suits him. He does throw out the information that he is writing a sonnet sequence about "the signals which pass between men and women who are lovers, or who may become lovers", which is a broad enough hint for the reader, but not for the young man himself. The young man finds he is being drawn into the role of family friend and fallback – reducing him from lover to impotent drudge. It is this sort of secret exchange of roles which most interests Jacobson. He allows his narrator, who is herself a later lover of the hero, to ponder the overlap between people, and the way that obsession is nurtured to defeat a sense of anonymity.

Robertson Davies's hero deals more breezily with the question of adultery in **Murther and Walking Spirits**. He can afford to be more cynical, since he is murdered by his wife's lover in the first sentence of the novel, and thereafter narrates the story from the privileged position of a disembodied spirit. In life he has loved his successful feminist wife, who is employed by the same newspaper as himself, and thoroughly despised her lover, who also works for the paper. As a ghost, he is compelled to spend time in the company of his murderer, even having to sit through a film festival with him. However, while everybody else is watching golden oldies, he seems to be presented with his own private films about the lives of his ancestors. It is a clumsy device, but it enables the author to write about a variety of historical situations that have taken his fancy. One group of forebears is seen paddling a canoe from pre-Revolutionary New York to Canada. Another lot are shown in the bleak countryside of 18th century Wales. Davies's style is economical and direct, but he includes a range of detail about each historical situation which gives the successes and sorrows of the people he describes special fascination. Perhaps the hotchpotch of personal thoughts, philosophical fag ends, and social history is insecurely linked together, but the ambiguities of human experience show up all the more for that.

In **The Sins of the Father**, Allan Massie explores ambiguity in the divided loyalties of a group of people caught up in the trial of Rudi Kestner, a former Nazi who is arrested in Argentina and taken to Israel. He is recognised by a man who had met him on equal terms in Berlin before the war, and later been called before him as a prisoner in Auschwitz. Now, living in Buenos Aires, he finds that his daughter is in love with Kestner's son. Suddenly, the young people, who have been brought up to think of the Holocaust as securely in the past, are thrown into an inherited nightmare, where the entwined concepts of guilt and self-respect so distorted in their parents' generation must somehow be played out in their own lives. It is an ambitious novel, in that Massie is determined to look back at the layers of ideas behind the Nazi regime, using all the advantages of historical perspective to do so. Although he does not allow the horror to lose its impact, he does not allow it to be straightforward either. He is brave enough to display the elusiveness of the facts and to avoid simplistic solutions. For all the characters gathered in Israel for the trial, the idea of identity is a fragile one. How well do they know each other or themselves? This complex question is examined through an intricate set of relationships stretching back into different pasts, which Massie handles with skill and deep seriousness.

Ironically, **Happily Ever After** is about what might seem to be deep and serious unhappiness, if it is was not being outlined by someone as funny and clever as Jenny Diski. In a dilapidated London house live an assortment of lonely people. On the first floor is a middle-aged academic who has married a young wife and now does nothing all day but sit fantasising about her lovers. Downstairs, a woman lies crying in bed because she cannot cope. Upstairs, however, lives Daphne. She is a 68-year-old ex-novelist who is preparing to spend her old age as a baglady, but intends, in the meantime, to take a lover. Most of her life has been lonely, weighed down by a traumatic childhood, but now she has decided to be happy and passionate and to enjoy her new-found lust. Diski's magic lies in her ability to make eccentricity seem normal and bizarre both at the same time. She combines a close sympathy for even her maddest characters with a cool and ironic detachment, which holds them at arm's length, enabling us to feel real despair at their sadness even while we are laughing at their behaviour. And Daphne herself is a triumph, enough to bring out the baglady in all of us.

Tara-ra-ra boom de-ay

ROMANCE

Hugh Barnes

SCARLETT
The Sequel to Margaret Mitchell's
Gone With The Wind
By Alexandra Ripley
Macmillan, £15.99

SOONER or later the big hype gets to all of us. As we scan the shelves for something to help us through the long journey, the solitary night, or the interminable Sunday at home, we find ourselves possessed by the urge to read a piece of trash: to give in to the brain death we feel coming on.

Gone With the Wind 2 mixes brain death and Scarlett fever. The sequel returns to Tara, where tomorrow is always the same day for highly strung Ms O'Hara and well hung Rhett Butler – his uncontrollable kissing, her bruised lips, their impassioned couplings and uncouplings. The publishers know that what we're looking for, in our manic state, isn't just fun but megafun – overdoses of junky entertainment. Review copies broke upon underwhelmed literary editors on a tsunami of publicity on Tuesday evening, and the book was published on a surfboard of spurious tabloid excitement at Wednesday midnight.

As is true of all heavily promoted media events, sheer size probably has a lot to do with why this book isn't more entertaining. *Scarlett* is supposed to be a page-turner – but it's 700 pages long. Anybody who could maintain a high level of excitement at that length would have to be considered a kind of narrative genius. Ripley doesn't qualify.

In fact, the bigness of the novel is wholly artificial – prosthetic. As storytelling, it's not very potent. The action is meant to leave us breathless, but it's mostly the characters who seem to be gasping for air, as they splutter and pop their eyes in amazement. *Scarlett* is, if nothing else, a useful reminder of a truth that's often stated but not always in times of crisis, believed: size isn't everything. Technique counts for something, too, and that's where this book lets us down.

We'd do better to skip the big dumb novel and wait for the movie instead. Filmed junk is almost invariably less debilitating than written junk, partly because the sprawling plot has to be streamlined. There are incidental pleasures: lavish sets, exotic locations, exuberantly hammy performances, and a dazzling parade of nips, tucks, nose jobs, breast implants, facelifts and hair weaves that frankly don't give a damn.

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IF YOU'VE always suspected there was more to horror than the latest Stephen King novel but didn't know where to read about it, this is the book for you. A fanzine in book form, *Shock Xpress* examines the horror genre with wit, insight, and a fervour that one can only describe as scholarly. If there were university degrees in splatter, these writers would be dons.

There is an interview with Hames Ferman, head of the British Board of Censors, who attempts to explain how one rape scene may be acceptable (*The Accused*), while another is not (*Death Wish*). On the English eccentrics front, Ramsey Campbell contributes a piece about fearless vampire hunter Sean Manchester, who rode along Downing Street on his horse Thunderbolt to deliver a petition to the Prime Minister. Screenwriter David McGillivray writes about his career in British sleaze classics such as *House of Whipcord* and *Frightmare*, back in the early Seventies when this country had an exploitation industry to be proud of. There are interviews with directors David Cronenberg and Joe Dante, and mind-bogglingly esoteric essays on subjects such as films about deranged Vietnam veterans. There are also features, I must admit, about people I've never heard of, and some truly vile photographic stills. Bad taste is alive and kicking, thank goodness. This volume looks set to become a collector's item.

■ **The Angel of Pain**, by Brian Stableford (*Simon & Schuster, £14.99*). Stableford's novels are dense, in the best sense of the word. The sequel to *The Werewolves of London* takes up the story of David Lydyard, who for 21 years has been privy to terrifying visions at the whim of the mysterious deity who has him in her thrall. As Lydyard encounters other humans enslaved like himself by invisible powers, the story moves inexorably towards a showdown between fallen angels jostling for supremacy. With its formal tone and erudite interludes on evolution and the nature of pain, Stableford pulls off what John Fowles attempted in *The French Lieutenant's Woman* – a 19th century novel written with a 20th century sensibility. This is not your average wham-bam horror narrative by any means. It is occasionally heavy-going. But it is a pleasure to immerse oneself in a book that is so brimful of *ideas*.

■ **The Dark Descent: A Fabulous Formless Darkness**, edited by David G. Hartwell (*HarperCollins, £12.99, paperback £7.99*). This is the third and last part of Hartwell's anthology tracing the evolution of the horror short story. This present volume focuses on horror stemming from "ambiguity as to the nature of reality". In other words, these are stories that are more liable to leave you with a profound unease rather than with an urge to regurgitate your lunch. All the usual suspects are here – Aickman, Bierce, Jackson, Wharton – though I am a bit fed up with Dickens's *The Signal-Man*, surely one of the most overworked stories in the English language. Good, though, to see science fiction maestros Gene Wolfe and Philip K. Dick brought under the horror umbrella, and I did enjoy Stephen King's *Crouch End*, which is enough to make anyone think twice before venturing into that part of London again. Here also is one of my all-time favourite stories: "The Beckoning Fair One" by Oliver Onions, a haunting account of writer's block developing into total psychotic delusion – a process that will ring bells with all would-be novelists.

■ **Best New Horror 2**, edited by Stephen Jones and Ramsey Campbell (*Robinson, £7.99*). While *The Dark Descent* selects its pickings from the past, Robinson's anthology is drawn from the present, and offers proof that some of the best contemporary writing in *any* genre is to be found under the horror label. Having recently passed my driving test, I was almost put off motorways for good by Nicholas Royle's "Negatives", while Ian R Macleod's "1/72nd Scale" proves you can write creepy stories about anything, even Flying Fortress plastic construction kits. J. Comeau's "Firebird" offers a wacky new variation on the supernatural police procedural, with a hard-boiled cop who is also – wait for it – a *ballerina* in her spare time. Let's hope this collection is going to be a regular annual event.

■ **The Stephen King Quiz Book**, by Stephen Spignesi (*New Emglish Library, £3.99*). Who was eaten by giant mutant rats? What did Chris Hargensen pour over Carrie's head at the prom? What type of TV did Ben's Aunty Cindy have? If you can answer all the questions in this book, then you're spending too much time memorising useless facts from Stephen King stories.

Carry on, dons, in the south seas

Tania Glyde

PARADISE NEWS
By David Lodge
Secker & Warburg, £14.99

THERE is a folksy benevolence in David Lodge's writing, an average human truth, that admits the ravages of love lost and of death, but never presumes to turn them into sublime art. Lodge has put his working life as a professor of English to good use. Nowhere but university do you find such people tied by the grey ribbons of intellectual self-absorption.

Bernard Walsh, bearded theologian at Rummidge, Lodge's now familiar university *à clef*, gets the call-up from his aunt Ursula in Hawaii. Once a bolter, the pink sheep of their large catholic family, she now wants to see her brother (Bernard's father) before she dies of cancer. Arriving in Waikiki, Bernard's father is run over by a car, a set piece that illustrates all that the British fear about American healthcare. Bernard, 40 years closeted, is a perfect canvas for the horrors of modern life. With the crotchety oldster out of the way in hospital, Bernard proceeds to discover passion with the help of the woman who ran down his father. Yolande is separated from her husband and a qualified counsellor – ideal for a hero so sorely in need of temptation. Gradually the memory of his only previous sexual encounter ("Daphne's pendulous breasts, swinging to and fro like bells tolling the doom of their relationship") is eased away.

Lodge is fond of the modestly repressed, the fairly unfulfilled. With touching calm, Lodge reminds us that holidays are not trips to a personal paradise. They are brightly coloured mini-falls, where truth (or self-delusion) hits all the harder. Aunt Ursula, on her deathbed, reveals the childhood tragedy that lay behind all the polka dots and plane tickets. The town of Waikiki is a concrete slab of falseness, the old oral culture crushed by the blare of tour guides and musak.

Bernard's return to England is sad. After his gigantic sexual awakening, Yolande writes to him with all the maturity and control of the experienced, telling him to wait two years until her daughter is out of school.

Lodge's latest novel has none of *Nice Work*'s pyrotechnic social commentary, but it is kinder. However, the drumbeat irony of textbook paradise versus reality will weigh heavy on those not wishing to be influenced by someone else's literary design. One of Bernard's fellow travellers is an academic hoping to advance his career by promoting tourism as the new Christianity. He joyously discovers the name of the local paper. You can guess what it is.

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CINEMA: NEW RELEASES

Close encounters on the high Cs

Geoff Brown on the "European" production *Meeting Venus, Jacob's Ladder, A Rage in Harlem*; and (below) Kurosawa's *Rhapsody in August, Dekalog* and *Under Suspicion*

A European co-production has become something to dread: stateless, flavourless, made by a cocktail of multi-national talents shaken together more by funding provisions than the storyline's demands. David Puttnam's production with István Szabó, **Meeting Venus** (12, Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue, Whiteleys, Plaza), may have faults, yet it triumphantly rises above the norm. Here, at last, is a distinctive European film, alive to the babble of voices and cultures.

Szabó takes us to the fictitious Opera Europa, Paris, where egos flare and misunderstandings arise in six languages (English takes precedence on the soundtrack). Zoltan Szantó, a largely unknown Hungarian, arrives to conduct *Tannhäuser* for satellite transmission around the globe. Problems mount hourly. The rehearsal piano is locked at six, the chorus threatens mutiny, while sets and costumes suggest a punk, black-leathered circus. Diva trouble looms above everything: at first conductor and soprano bicker, then they coo, and Szantó's marriage hits the rocks.

Six years ago, Szabó himself had a bruising time directing opera in Paris, and many scenes quiver with perceptive detail: the political squabbling, Szantó's forlorn battle over payment, the shots of musicians at rehearsal, knitting or scratching the back with a bow.

> *'Here, at last, is a distinctive European film, alive to the babble of voices and cultures'*

Problems arise once this romantic comedy shifts towards romance. Visually, Glenn Close is made to measure for the elegant Swedish soprano, but there seems no fire behind her ice, and the humble Szantó of French-Danish actor Niels Arestrup is hardly the man to thaw her. His characterisation may well reflect the mentality of East Europeans nervously venturing abroad, but it impairs the film's dramatic core. For *Meeting Venus* to be more than a pleasant *divertissement* about making art in modern Europe's cauldron, we need to care about this relationship; we do not.

The soundtrack music is in the hands of Kiri Te Kanawa, René Kollo, and the Philharmonia Orchestra (under Marek Janowski). Szabó planned subtle thematic links between the offstage drama and the Wagnerian chunks, though even in an age where opera has been popularised, such parallels seem destined to pass most people by.

Jacob's Ladder (18, Cannons Chelsea, Shaftesbury Avenue) has at least one claim to fame: it must be the first Hollywood film to mention Meister Eckhardt. The founder of German mysticism makes his Tinseltown debut lending spiritual succour to the embattled hero: a Vietnam veteran whose life (or is it afterlife?) crumbles into demon visions, exploding cars and bloody limbs on hospital floors.

Diva with looks but no heart: Glenn Close as the icy Swedish soprano, unthawed by the romantic advances of Niels Arestrup

The fanciful script was first penned by Bruce Joel Rubin in *1981*, nine years before he made his name with *Ghost*. He is clearly a connoisseur of the supernatural, and probably sleeps during daylight hours in a coffin. Adrian Lyne, master contriver of chic melodrama, directs — his first venture since *Fatal Attraction*.

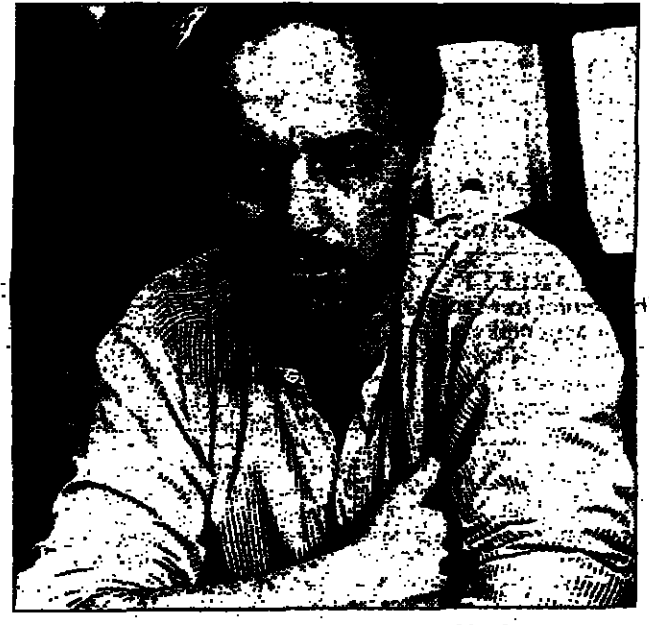
Much of the film is so wrapped up in its own cleverness that there is little way in for an audience. Tim Robbins helps a good deal, fleshing out the bones of the Vietnam vet, Jacob Singer, trapped in a swirl of dreams within dreams. At times Lyne generates genuine emotional unease (a frantic party scene with strobe lighting is particularly gruelling), though Rubin's script gradually leads him more and more astray into titillating shocks and schools of red herrings.

A Rage in Harlem (18, Cannons Chelsea, Haymarket, Oxford St; Odeons High Street Kensington, Whiteleys) rages indeed. In the opening minutes a wart is sliced from a nose; throughout, razors and yelps are never far away. Since the source material is one of Chester Himes's thrillers, a degree of violence is essential, but this slick Anglo-American film, directed by Bill Duke, rarely achieves the necessary blend of ribald comedy and hot-tempered action.

Not only the violence is overdone. Despite good jokes, Forest Whitaker's Jackson — the meek undertaker's assistant in 1950s Harlem, wading beyond his depth with a seductress and a trunkful of gold — becomes too much a figure of fun. How, we wonder, could this blinking owl ever hook the likes of Imabelle, described by Himes as "a cushioned-lipped, hot-bodied, banana-skin chick" and portrayed in like manner by Robin Givens?

"Put your hands down," a phony cop tells the chump, "it ain't no goddamned movie." It is, of course: Duke emphasises the fact with artificial lighting, flamboyant character turns (Gregory Hines, Danny Glover) and a helter-skelter pace. But unlike its "blaxsploitation" predecessors of 20 years ago, the film never settles down into simple entertainment: after a while the buffoonery and bloodshed cancel each other out.

August director lowers his sights



Profile of morality: Henryk Baranowski in *Dekalog*

Each time a veteran director manages another feature, critics hunt for signs of an autumnal masterpiece. With the 80-year-old Kurosawa's **Rhapsody in August** (U, Curzon Mayfair), we return with no trophies. The poetic imagery that burned with such force just a few years ago has not entirely disappeared. But Kurosawa's principal expressive tool is unadorned, static talk between a grandmother and four visiting grandchildren: talk about the Nagasaki bomb that killed her husband, about the old woman's dying brother in Hawaii, and the need to heal wounds between East and West.

True, the film occasionally touches the heart, particularly during scenes at the Nagasaki memorial; there is also, for Western audiences, the novelty of Richard Gere jetting into the plot as the grandmother's nephew, speaking Japanese and smiling constantly. But compared to Imamura's *Black Rain* and other Japanese films about the bombings, Kurosawa's *Rhapsody* is a slender affair — just a footnote to a long, glorious career.

Which television films should be shown on the big screen? Krzysztof Kieslowski's Ten Commandments cycle, **Dekalog** (Renoir), which was shown last year and is now let loose from the box's confines, looks tremendous. In comparison, Michael Lindsay-Hogg's **The Object of Beauty** (15, Curzon West End), co-produced by the BBC, looks dull.

The director makes all the difference. Kieslowski, a master of cinema, cuts away all excess from image and narrative: the tales of modern morality hold the viewer in a vice, especially when seen without a living-room's distractions. The Renoir is screening these hour-long films in packages of two: miss them and you miss one of the most powerful cinematic experiences on offer.

Lindsay-Hogg, on the other hand, drags his feet, overstretching the potential of his comic fable about needs and possessions. Luckily, his main players are a joy to watch: John Malkovich, ever the fey scoundrel, as a well-heeled American trapped in a ruinously expensive London hotel; Andie MacDowell as his partner, whose nest-egg (a miniature Henry Moore bronze) gets inconveniently stolen. Old salts such as Joss Ackland add their pennyworth; only the director falls short.

Finally, Simon Moore's **Under Suspicion** (18, Cannon Panton Street, Odeons High Street Kensington, Marble Arch), which attempts a pastiche of vintage Hollywood thrillers but remains as British as bloater paste. Look at the weather: rain, rain, rain. Look at the setting: Brighton, 1959, heyday of the dirty weekend, when shady private eyes such as Liam Neeson haunted the hotels, arranging photographic evidence of adultery.

One day the game turns sour: with a rich client and Neeson's wife dead, Neeson is suspected of murder. Enter the *femme fatale* (Laura San Giacomo), flouncing around in the teeth of fashion when the rest are entombed in dismal grey suits. She appears so obviously guilty that she must be innocent; though given the film's cloddish nature, it is hard to care either way. Making a film that might have been made, not merely set, in 1959 is no way to keep our industry alive.

BRIEFING

Eastern sounds

WITH the Japan Festival already offering more than 300 events over the next six months, Radio 3 is weighing in with its own massive contribution to cultural understanding. The BBC network will celebrate Japanese culture in a month-long season, starting on October 5, which will feature more than 100 broadcasts. Including classical concerts, opera, talks, short stories, drama, traditional music and jazz, the season will be "the most concentrated effort to project another culture that the network has ever made".

Winning critic

OUR own David Robinson is the first film critic to be awarded the Fellini Prize for contribution to European cinema. The citation describes him as "the most representative European critic". In the previous seven years of the European Film Festival in Viareggio, the prize has been given only to directors, actors and film-makers. Previous British winners are Harold Pinter and David Puttnam.

Global tribute

THE three "fallen heroes" who died defending the Russian parliament on August 21 will be honoured in a memorial concert in Moscow on Sunday which will feature such performers as Elaine Paige, Chrissie Hynde, Michael Ball, Vanessa Redgrave and Frances De La Tour. Russian President Boris Yeltsin is scheduled to be in the audience at Moscow's Bolshoi Theatre, where the international lineup of artists is to be joined by Russian poets, musicians and actors, including Michael Ulyanor. The following Sunday will see a concert, "For the Fallen Heroes", at the Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue.

Remembering: Paige

Last chance...

"OLD sorrows written in tears and blood": that was how Eugene O'Neill described his *Long Day's Journey into Night*. Howard Davies's production, when it was new at the Bristol Old Vic, was criticised for being too cerebral. But during its National Theatre run, with Timothy West and Prunella Scales, passions have ignited nicely. Last performance at the Lyttelton on Saturday (071-928 2252).

CHAMBER MUSIC

Fresh airs for select band

Stephen Pettitt applauds the Nash Ensemble's bold concert series on the South Bank

KEEPING an established ensemble sounding fresh can be a tricky business. One way is to introduce younger musicians, which seems to be the policy of Britain's most distinguished chamber group, the Nash Ensemble, judging from the first three concerts in its new Purcell Room series. The noble idea behind this series (conducted where necessary by Lionel Friend) was that each concert should contain something new. David Matthews's String Trio, Op 48, was the opening evening's "new work" — though he composed it two years ago. It augured ungrateful things to come with its workaday counterpoints and textures, based partly on notes contrived from the letters of the Nash's name.

Next, however, came Kodaly's Duo for violin and cello, Op 7, a piece of resourceful invention and perhaps surprising substance, given the medium, which Marcia Crayford and Christopher van Kampen played with assurance.

Its function was partly to prepare the ground for the real world premiere, Zsolt Durko's *Three English Verses*. A refined and thorough exploration of the sounds and resopances of some distinguished words (Wordsworth's "My Heart Leaps Up", Blake's "The Sick Rose" and, ambitiously, the sixth section of T.S Eliot's "Ash Wednesday"), the piece at times recalled in manner, though not style, Sir Michael Tippett's recent Yeats setting, *Byzantium*. Jean Rigby was the secure, full-voiced and instinctive soprano soloist.

A few days later Robin Holloway's *Summer Music: Concertino No 3* was revealed to the world. No pastoral idyll this, according to the composer, but a more realistic reflection of the irritating aspects of a muggy summer — mosquitos, thistles, and so on. But the piece does not have to be listened to simply as picturesque music. I preferred to treat it more abstractly, from which viewpoint it seemed a well-structured, confident, though conservative essay, with lively parts for the two soloists, Gareth Hulse (oboe) and Timothy Lines (clarinet).

Its immediate partners were Berg's Seven Early Songs and Schoenberg's *Verklärte Nacht*. The Berg was heard in Reinbert de Leeuw's quirky instrumentation (his deployment of harmonium in this context was perhaps a little unwise) and sung with clearly focused yet ripe expression, though with more than a hint of inaccurate intonation, by Jill Gomez. *Verklärte Nacht* was given a luscious, deeply moving performance.

Before the third concert, the Nash provided an early evening extra in the form of Paul Pellay's brief Concertante, Op 44, another genuine world premiere. Pellay is young (born in 1965) and again no avant-gardist. But within this ten-minute septet — whose slow central section pays homage, through quotation of his *Connotations for Orchestra*, to Copland — he firmly establishes himself as a fluent voice.

NICHOLAS Maw's *Ghost Dances: Imaginary Ballet for Five Dancers* provided the novelty for the main concert, though the Nash once more cheated slightly; this was but the first London performance of a revised version of a piece commissioned in 1988.

Again couched in conservative terms (despite the incidental presence of exotica such as a one-stringed strumstick, a kazoo and an African thumb piano), *Ghost Dances* is a typically forthright yet atmospheric piece, a beautifully crafted sequence of hinted images or recollections richly scored and held together by means of the age old device of a ritornello that recurs in varied form.

Perhaps the parallel drawn with Schoenberg's *Pierrot Lunaire*, which Elise Ross sang-spoke after the interval, was over-stressed. Maw's ghosts are on the whole less frightening and less elusive characters.

Full voiced: Jean Rigby

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The BBC's new Wednesday drama, reviewed by **Lynne Truss**

Affair with real pull

WHEN Harriet Walter and Bill Nighy finally kissed each other in last night's first episode of **The Men's Room** (BBC 2) the erotic charge of the encounter was tempered — intentionally, I suspect — by a sense of suffocation. Nighy is a handsome man, but he looked as though he were giving the kiss of life in reverse, sucking the oxygen out of the hapless Harriet rather like an experiment with an air pump. It seemed a shame. These brainy, attractive sociologists had taken a full academic year to realise that they fancied each other; and then one of them turned out to kiss with all the finesse of an elephant holding a bun on the end of its trunk by pure strength of suck.

But then Professor Mark Carleton (Bill Nighy) is an intriguingly dreadful person. He is the sort of man whose boyish vanity and ineptness are finely calculated to risk female ridicule while banking on female indulgence; the sort of man who stands helpless at the photocopier until rescued; or, in Carleton's case, regularly drops box-loads of books on the floor. Isn't he sweet and lovable when he does that? "Of course you are a dreadful person; you're a man," says Charity (Harriet Walter), in precisely the appropriate just-this-once maternal tone. "But that does not mean I don't like you."

In Ann Oakley's book, on which the series is based, Carleton is perhaps less obviously a walking joke than he seems to be in Laura Lamson's television version. He is certainly better at deceiving his wife (it would not be difficult). Last night, the would-be Lothario arrived home in the small hours, handed flowers to his astonished spouse, and said, all in one sentence: "Hello my darling these are for you so how are you is everything OK I did well this evening on the book good work I think I hope Oh yeah I think." If he had come home waving a banner with "I am having an affair" printed on it, he could not have made the position clearer.

BUT affairs are so interesting, especially when there is a lot at stake. For Charity, there is a nice husband and four children to take into consideration, and last night's episode took us fully into a life packed with mothering, cycling, researching, and quick-as-a-blink marital sex — the sort of life, in fact, that leaves women ungratefully (and paradoxically) crying for more. "Superwoman is a cruel myth," says Charity, ruefully. What she needs (and it is obvious to her sociologist colleagues) is feminism. But in her unreconstructed state, she thinks the answer might be to have an affair with a man who kisses like a vacuum cleaner.

"Get your husband to do the ironing," says a smarmy lecturer. "Huh!" says Charity, but she is smiling. Directed by Antonia Bird, *The Men's Room* was full of such simple, knowing brushstroke effects. "Meat or fish for dinner?" asks Carleton's superlatively efficient wife, and a whole lifestyle is effortlessly established. Charity, undressing for bed, tries to hide herself behind the wardrobe door so that her husband can't see. Oh heavens, yes. This is grown-up drama, for people who like things only half spelled out; it is funny and human and beautifully acted.

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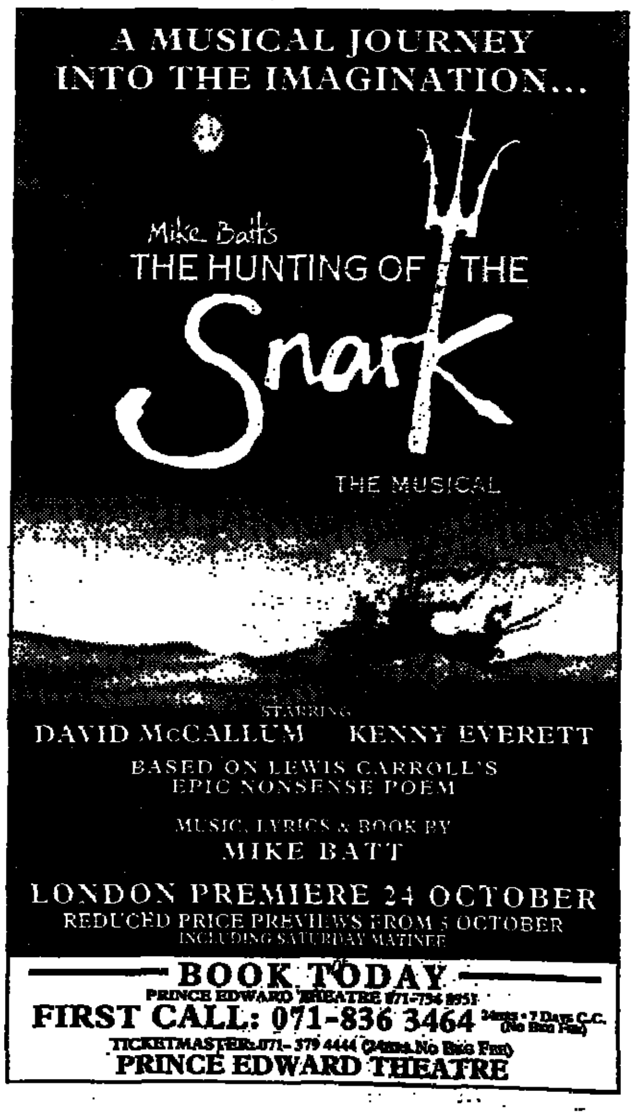

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Conflicts brought to Booker

Nicholas Mosley on why he resigned from the judging panel

There were two conflicts about the Booker prize shortlist: the first was about the method of voting for the books that would go on the list, the second was a matter of principle. As a result of the chosen method of voting, none of the six books I had chosen got on to the shortlist of six books, although I was one of only five judges. This meant that for the final round I was left with no book that I cared deeply about.

On the conflict of principle, the other four judges complained that my chosen books were novels of ideas, or novels in which characters were subservient to ideas. This was held to be not acceptable. My point was that humans were beings who did have ideas, who were often influenced by ideas, to whom ideas were important. If they were not, then there was some lack in being human.

It seemed that my colleagues' insistence that novels should not be about ideas often resulted in their view of humans being mindless oddities.

I think there is a genuine conflict here. I hoped that my chosen books were ones that would appeal to a wider audience than a literary circle, because they were involved with ideas. My foremost chosen book was Alan Massie's *The Sins of the Father*. Then I chose Stuart Hood's *A Den of Foxes*, Colin Thubron's *Raising the Sun*, J.G. Ballard's *The Kindness of Women*, Michael Ignatieff's *Asya*, and Thomas Keneally's *Flying Class Hero*.

I won the Whitbread Prize earlier this year with my novel *Hopeful Monsters*: this book was sometimes seen as a novel as much about ideas as about people. It was not reviewed by some of the heavyweight literary publications — notably the *Times Literary Supplement*, of which the then editor was Jeremy Treglown, who is now chairman of the Booker judging committee.

Indeed it seemed that there might be some conflict here. However, the fact that my book had won a literary prize encouraged me to think that there were people who might feel as I did that life, if it was to have meaning, consisted in an interplay between persons and ideas. I still think that this is the case; and by resigning from the judging committee, on the grounds that none of my chosen books got on to the shortlist, I might be giving an airing to feelings and convictions that are probably shared by others.

This does not mean that I feel that literary prizes, or indeed the carryings-on surrounding this particular literary prize, are suspect. The difficulties of judging the Booker prize are the immense number of books one has to read — in this case 110 — which is apt to numb the brain and make giving each book equal attention difficult. But there is no way round this if one is to be given a large slice of current fiction. My personal difficulty with all the reading I had to do was that there were so very few books which contained any dealings with interesting ideas; and most seemed to be to do with the weird behaviour of humans stuck in a mad and meaningless world. It was striking how many books were about literal madness or situations that were made deliberately grotesque. It was probably felt that this was what readers required.

What I have learned from being a judge of the Booker has not discouraged me from the business of writing novels myself. It means that I recognise there is a challenge here; but what novelist worth his salt would be discouraged by a challenge? I still think there is a job that only novels can do, which is to discover and portray patterns in life that can be conveyed in no better way.

Keith Joseph urges John Major to block common currency moves that might build a European superstate

Casting a veto for Europe

The question of Europe, recently overshadowed by events in the Soviet Union, again looms large. John Major and his colleagues cannot avoid a dilemma when they consider the final amendments to the Treaty of Rome required to introduce a single EC currency — the subject of one of the two Inter Governmental Conferences (IGC) now sitting. Their choice may be even more difficult than on the question of political union, although the Dutch draft discussed at Apeldoorn seems to have reduced rather than increased the likelihood of early agreement.

After all, on this second matter Mr Major has already declared the government's rejection of a superstate. The government will not transfer foreign affairs and defence responsibilities to Europe; it recognises the danger to British interests of dropping the unanimity rule in favour of majority voting; it recognises the job-destroying parts of the social charter; it wants to keep doors open for eastern Europe; it recognises the trend towards protectionism, corporatism and featherbedding, as well as the differential zeal of members in implementing EC obligations, and the half-baked approach in the Community towards defining the powers that might be centralised.

But how to react to the common currency proposal and the move to a central bank will prove more testing. The European Commission has composed a plausible slogan: one market, one currency. But this suggests what is false: that a single market can come only with a single currency, and suppresses what seems to be true, that one currency means one government.

Mr Major and his colleagues were early in insisting on prior convergence of economic conditions. What they have not yet conveyed to the public is that even after convergence a move to one currency and the central bank would involve a superstate in some federal form. The central bank would have to impose such a straitjacket on the economic and social policies of member states that it would be unthinkable for them to accept the bank would not have to report to some representative body that would provide the authority behind the bank.

This implication of a single government for a single currency under a single central bank is not the only objection to monetary union. The economic case for a single currency remains weak: there would be, it is said, some cost-savings for travellers — true, but tiny. Businesses would gain some reduction in exchange rate risks — obtainable anyway by sophisticated hedging precautions. As for costs, some member states would never agree to a single currency without large extra subsidies, payable by us and a few others.

Moreover, the single currency and the single central bank would not be the German mark and the Bundesbank. They would be the ecu and a bank with a board made up of nominees of member states. The French have mainly sought a common currency to abate the Bundesbank's effort to keep money stable. British governments have not maintained the value of sterling for decades: even Margaret Thatcher's governments, after getting inflation well down by 1985, allowed it to rise later, and it has only been brought down by the recession. So it is not certain that a single central bank lacking Germany's single-minded discipline will be more successful than the average of its component members. On the other hand we got our own inflation down in 1979 to 1985, and we can do it in future if we so resolve.

So what are the government's options in amending the treaty? The first is to reject the whole case for a single currency and a single central bank by vetoing it, since the necessary amendments require unanimous acceptance. The only alternative is to accept the Delors compromise, supporting the amendment to establish monetary union and leaving the decision on whether or when Britain should adopt the common currency to a later parliament. (It is comforting that Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, is still emphasising that it is "whether", not when.)

The veto would be the safer and more honourable course. If Mr Major and his colleagues adopt the Delors compromise, they might claim to have left the decision open, but they would be under increasingly strong moral and media pressure to conform by joining. It would be said that the Conservatives had already approved political union, since they knew it was a consequence of a single currency and a single central bank, so that prolonged objection to the single government proposals of the parallel second conference on political union would be undermined. And some of the subsidies demanded by some countries for joining a single currency might be imposed on Britain.

A veto by us would free the 11 other member states to set up a treaty of their own, in which they could agree to move to a single currency with a single central bank. We would not be blocking them — and we would not have undermined our own case against the superstate that would almost inevitably develop.

Would the repercussions damage us? Less, I believe, than the damage to us, the EC and the world from creating a superstate that would increasingly be protectionist, cartelist and corporatist with no guarantee of keeping inflation low. A veto by us might well shock other countries into recognising the realities behind the rhetoric of their ministers.

A memorial in tune with the future

Bernard Levin finds balm for the eyes and the ears in the house that William Walton built on Ischia

Waiting for inspiration: William Walton's spectacles and walking stick rest on his beloved Bechstein

Bliss was it in that dawn to be alive, but to be young was very Heaven. Particularly, I may say, if you could sing or play the piano; I can do neither, to my infinite sorrow, so I listen. I did much listening on the isle of Ischia, but I stopped on the way to take in Andras Schiff's magical little festival in Mondsee. His principle is to take two strikingly contrasting composers and spend a week exploring their chamber music and songs; the first year it was Bach and Brahms, the second Beethoven and Bartók, and this year Schubert and Janáček. Next year it is Mozart and Debussy, and I have six witnesses to his promise that he will not include *Pelléas et Mélisande*.

Schiff is one of the most extraordinary musicians I have ever encountered. To see him at the keyboard of his beloved Bösendorfer, his head thrown back, his eyes closed, his playing apparently effortless, is to entertain thoughts of black magic and the Devil's Trill; a new Niagara of music pours into his head every day, and is as regularly poured out before us lucky ones. (I accused him of not knowing what a holiday is, and he said he knew what it was but he wasn't interested in it).

I went on to Ischia wondering whether I was going to hear Schiff's successor. For the place was bursting with young talent; it was host to a series of masterclasses for *lieder* singers and accompanists, culminating in a concert consisting of both books of Wolf's *Italienisch Liederbuch*.

But first I must set the scene. Three great English composers, since Elgar, have dominated our indigenous music; Benjamin Britten, Michael Tippett and William Walton. Only the third married, and he married a whirlwind; the dynamism of Susana Walton could — still can — rock continents, but she rocks them in the memory of her husband, which she guards so lovingly that she might not beteem the winds of heaven visit his face too roughly.

They were married in 1948 (legend — or possibly truth — says that it was less than a week after they met), and they ultimately settled in Ischia. The house they built is called La Mortella, which is the Italian for myrtle, and Russell Page, the great landscape architect, designed the garden.

"Designed the garden"; simple words, in themselves revealing little. But the reality is one of the great gardens of the world, a vast profusion of beauty, mystery and colour, threaded with fountains, which seems to include every species of tree, shrub and flower known to nature and gardeners, and that is hardly an exaggeration, for in an idle moment I counted the lot from the catalogue; there are 186 varieties, from *Acacia motheana argentea* and *Acer pseudoplatanus brilliantissimum* to *Woodwardia radicans* and *Yucca gloriosa*, not forgetting *Geranium anemonifolia maderiensis* and *Hosta sieboldiana elegans* in the middle.

This wonderful place is so cunningly contrived that as the visitor wanders about he finds himself one moment in a deep, gentle shade and the next bathed in a shaft of brilliant sunshine, while all the time the splashing of the fountains and the voices of the birds — whatsits, thingummies, tiddley-poms — make the very air melodious. The house that crowns the glorious forest radiates hospitality; the place even includes a miniature railway to bring guests up to the beautiful swimming-pool, and I cannot imagine anything so simultaneously restful and stimulating. Then, when I paused in my marvelling, there were borne on the breeze sounds and sweet airs that give delight and hurt not, and the business had begun.

When Walton died, in 1983, his widow decided to turn La Mortella into a shrine to him and his music, but it was to be a living shrine, not a mausoleum. Though his spectacles still lie on the piano, and his walking-stick leans against it, she knew that such a place and such a man (his ashes are buried in William's Rock, just above the house, with a fitting inscription) could not allow death the victory; La Mortella must resound with music.

The week I spent there resounded right through the place; there are four practice rooms, all of them uncannily hidden in the garden, so that the strolling visitor hears ghostly music apparently coming from nowhere. But it is coming, most emphatically, from somewhere. For during the year, auditions have been going on; eight young singers and four accompanists have been sought, their reward a place in the classes held by Graham Johnson (founder of *The Songmaker's Almanac*, among other achievements) and Elio Battaglia.

The two teachers might have been plucked from Central Casting; the Englishman quiet, gentle, coaxing, the Italian all reeling, writhing and fainting in coils; between the two of them 12 young aspiring musicians have had a wonderful series of lessons that at the very least have encouraged, stimulated and strengthened them for the inescapable slog up the slopes of Parnassus that every budding artist must undertake.

When I arrived, two-thirds of the way through the three-week course, they were all hard at work on Hugo Wolf, whose *Italian Songbook* was to crown the intensive study they had been making. Wolf has never been close to my heart, and not only because I am bathed, steeped, *pickled in*. Schubert. But as I listened to the young singers and players and their coaches I found myself doing something close to what the students were doing; as they shaped and re-shaped a phrase, a line, a crescendo, digging ever more deeply into the music and its meaning and quality, I began to hear things in Wolf that I had never heard, or more precisely had never listened for. (Anyway, the first thing I did on returning to London was to buy a complete set of the *Italian Songbook*.)

I cannot see how the universe could have come into existence without music; certainly, I know of no land or culture that is without it. And if there is to be music, someone has to create it, and someone to perform it. Both of these endeavours involve pain, sweat and the possibility of failure. But these young people, most of them nowhere near the middle of their twenties, have embarked upon a life of music, and from my place on the sidelines, I heartily wished them well. (However invidiously, I have to single out one performer of the gifted 12; a Canadian baritone, Nathan Berg by name, with a voice not only powerful and full of meaning, but of such velvet beauty that the comparison cannot be avoided: surely the young Fischer-Dieskau sounded like this).

The last event was a miniature concert for the Prince of Wales (who brought the most frightful weather after we had been basking in cloudless sunshine all week); for this event the young musicians had all picked their own favourite items, and it will be a long time before I forget the beauty of "Blow the Wind Southerly", chosen by Elizabetta Lombardi (particularly because she does not speak English).

"*Everybody* has won, and all must have prizes." That was the Dodo's solution, and I feel, after a week of listening to these budding maestros, that the Dodo got it right. And the proof of the pudding is that I came away not touched at all by envy. By envy of their talent, that is; but alas, not of their youth.

PS. Changing some leftover currency at NatWest, I found that they take a commission of 21.44 per cent. Charming lot, NatWest, eh?

...and moreover

CRAIG BROWN

For the past 28 years, it has been the role of *Top of the Pops* to be the nation's principal irritant. In January 1964, when the first of its 1,439 episodes was screened, I was six-and-a-half, probably the ideal age for a pop fan. These days, at seven o'clock on Thursdays, I still try to watch it, but less out of pleasure than out of some sorry yearning for my lost youth.

"Is that meant to be a man or a woman?" my father would ask back in 1964, probably about Brian Jones of The Rolling Stones or one of The Pretty Things ("Look more like The Ugly Things to me"). A month or two ago, the shaven-headed Sinead O'Connor was singing on *Top of the Pops*. "Is that meant to be a man or a woman?" he asked, and I found myself bristling with the same annoyance I felt back in 1964. This reassured me that *Top of the Pops* was still performing its proper function, and that I was still on the younger side of the Generation Gap, and that all was right with the world.

"Must we really have this racket on?" "Good Lord, do they call that dancing?" "Is he in pain or something?" "Do you mean to say that people actually *enjoy* this noise?" "I'm not against long hair, I just wish they'd *wash* it." At seven o'clock every Thursday night, the length and breadth of the country, children are annoying their parents by watching, and their parents, in turn, are annoying their children by being annoyed.

The peaks on the annual graph of *Top of the Pops*'s irritation arise first on Christmas Day lunch and then again — a second blast aimed at those few families still managing the odd smile — on Boxing Day lunch. At 1.30pm precisely, the traditional deep midwinter hush of families trowelling turkey is interrupted by the now equally traditional sound of doors slamming, children howling, mothers cursing, and, somewhere in the background, last July's nationwide Number One being switched on and off, on and off.

By a quarter to two, television has won, because television always wins. Its mysterious magnetism has dragged all but the most stalwart turkey-chompers to watch as two giggling disc-jockeys dressed as Santa Claus gabble an introduction to a heavy metal group of staggering repulsiveness, also dressed as Santa Claus. (The most perfect of all these groups was surely Slade, who combined a screaming yob, a guitarist who looked like an ugly girl, and a song called "Cum On Feel The Noize"). For a while, youth seems to have won the day.

But within minutes the tables are turned. The Christmas editions of *Top of the Pops* consist of the year's number one singles, and Christmas number ones are horribly unpredictable. Rolf Harris ("Two Little Boys") has been a Christmas number one, and so have Clive Dunn ("Grandad"), Benny Hill ("Ernie (The Fastest Milkman in the West") and St Winifred's School Choir ("There's No One Quite Like Grandma"). Horror! Having gone to every effort to wreck the house so as to be allowed to watch the Christmas *Top of the Pops*, the younger generation suddenly finds its programmes ambushed by oldies. "Oh, not *this one*," they have moaned for the past 28 years as Cliff Richard's well-scrubbed visage has re-appeared yet again. "I *hate* this one." The older generation then sings along with St Winifred's as the younger generation slouches back to the deserted dining-table, there to complain of the power of television.

Now, with a single stroke of an executive's pen, this tradition is set to finish. From next Thursday, *Top of the Pops* will abandon its democratic principles, whereby only the best-selling singles of each week are featured, in favour of what it calls "a broader-based sweep of new music". Translated, this means records will be included at the whim of the producer, not the public. I suspect that the "broader-based sweep" will no longer include the hairiest, noisiest and dirtiest of groups, for fear of giving offence, and for the same reason Rolf Harris, Clive Dunn and St Winifred's School Choir will also be outlawed. In their place will be moderately well-washed people with medium-length hair singing middle-volume songs. I think I will no longer tune in, but whether out of solidarity with Slade or for Rolf Harris I would rather not say.

THE TIMES DIARY

A word in Major's ear

DOWNING Street may have breathed a sigh of relief when it learnt this week that Mrs Thatcher has decided not to speak when she makes a fleeting visit to the Tory conference in Blackpool next month. But what John Major almost certainly does not know is that the former prime minister is planning to join two of her most loyal and distinguished henchmen at a fringe meeting which is set to rally her old guard, and threatens to upset the carefully pre-packaged platform presentation.

The Wednesday lunchtime meeting at the Savoy hotel is organised by the Conservative Way Forward group, set up earlier this year by Norman Tebbit and Cecil Parkinson to keep alive the spirit and ideals of Thatcherism. Both former cabinet members will speak at the nostalgic occasion which threatens to upstage Chancellor Norman Lamont's key-note speech in the economic debate that afternoon. The theme of the meeting could hardly be more poignant: "Past and Future".

The news will be greeted with dismay in Downing Street for, although Mrs Thatcher has told them that she has turned down more than 50 speaking requests at the conference, many believe that it will be impossible to keep her quiet at such a gathering.

As a sop to Downing Street, she has also agreed to avoid the first day of the conference — which features the potentially explosive foreign policy debate covering Europe — confining her visit to the second day. But Major's supporters fear that, whatever the promises, one off-the-cuff remark to the press will steal all the following day's headlines. After all, Ted Heath did it to her, with his announcement in the middle of last year's conference that he was off to Baghdad to negotiate with Saddam Hussein.

● *Proud relatives were yesterday celebrating the authors who have made it on to the Booker shortlist. At least, some of them were. Ben Okri says he has not dared tell his family back in Nigeria: "My mother will probably do something silly, like dance in the middle of the road." The family of Martin Amis, however, was celebrating at the party in London last night to launch* Time's Arrow. *"It is the first book of his I have read all the way through since* Success, *which was 15 years ago, " said Sir Kingsley Amis, his son's sternest critic.*

Mann and supermen

ONE of the first telegrams to arrive at RAF Lyneham yesterday was one from Jack Mann's old chums in the Guinea Pig Club. Mann is a member of the club, which consists of badly burned second world war airmen who received plastic surgery under the late Sir Archibald McIndoe. The club had hoped Mann would be able to attend its fiftieth anniversary dinner on Saturday. Group Captain Tom Gleave, aged 83, the chief guinea pig, says: "We are disappointed Jack will not be fit enough to be with us. But he will be there in spirit and there will be a special toast to Jack's return. And there is always our dinner next year."

Extra cash

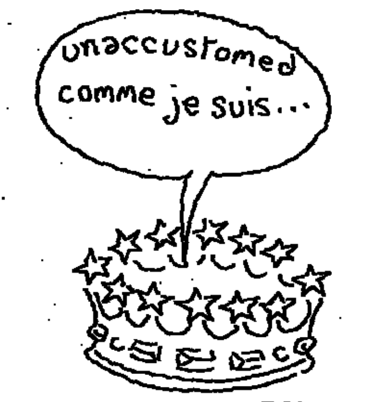
THE last film made by the state-owned Czech film industry features an unlikely star: Jeremy Irons. The Oscar-winning actor is almost unrecognisable, staring out of a prison cell at the beginning of the film, a version of Vaclav Havel's adaptation of *The Beggar's Opera*.

The film had its premiere in Prague this week. Days after it was finished, 1,700 of the Barrandov studio's 2,500 employees were made redundant as the film industry prepared for privatisation.

Then, also after shooting had finished, Jan Sustek, the producer, discovered that Jeremy Irons was in town for a British-produced film about the life of Kafka. "I realised it could be to our advantage if we had this well-known actor, but the film was finished so we had no choice but to give him a bit part," Sustek says. And the fee? The Oscar winning actor, who in Hollywood can command millions, was paid just 120 Czech crowns, or about £3.

Continental drift

THERE was a song by the Beatles which ran, in part: "Her majesty's a pretty nice girl, but she doesn't have a lot to say." For many years, in Europe at least, the tune had more than a degree of truth. Blocked by Mrs Thatcher, the Queen was the only European head of state not to have addressed the European Parliament. Now, under John Major, the royal family has launched what amounts to little short of an invasion of Europe. Yesterday it was the Duke of Edinburgh, in Brussels on official business for the first time, assuring MEPs that Buckingham Palace had "no prejudice" against them. Then in November the Prince of Wales is off to Brussels to deliver a further message of conciliation. The Queen herself is scheduled to address the parliament in Strasbourg "sometime next summer", according to the palace.



● *Tory central office has never known anything like it. Within hours of the disclosure in yesterday's* Times Diary *that Tory HQ was selling official photographs of John Major with his trousers held together with a paper clip, all prints had completely sold out.* The Sport *newspaper even rang* The Times *begging for a copy of the picture — unsuccessfully, it must be said. "The only ones we have got left are revised versions of the print," admitted the bookshop at Central Office yesterday. The revised version, needless to say, is cropped from the waist up, omitting the now famous paper clip. "For some reason I don't think we will be getting any more of the originals. It's a shame. I cannot recall anything that has sold out quite so quickly."*

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INTERVENTION IN CROATIA

Any outside intervention in the Yugoslav cockpit is fraught with risk. The European Community considered and rejected the idea of an Anglo-French expedition. Now that the United Nations Security Council favours an arms embargo, it must ask whether there is a place for UN troops too.

The auspices are not good. Every truce in Croatia has so far been broken. The last agreement, brokered by Lord Carrington, was followed by an escalation of the conflict. After Croatia responded to Serbian attacks by withholding oil supplies, the Yugoslav federal forces threw off any pretence of neutrality. The navy bombarded the Dalmatian ports, while the army plunged deeper into the Croatian provinces of Slavonija, Krajina and Banija. Perhaps because it was not arranged by outsiders, the latest ceasefire, reinforced yesterday by the Croatian and Serbian presidents as well as the federal defence minister, might just hold.

The reasons for this are military. The Serbian-led federal troops and their Chetnik vanguard have been fought to a standstill, while the Croatian forces are still heavily outgunned. When the EC peace conference meets again today, Lord Carrington needs to grasp this fleeting opportunity. Both sides must be persuaded to accept not only observers — whose impact has been negligible — but a peacekeeping force.

Such a force should be under the auspices of the UN. A consensus within the security council in favour of such a far-reaching step has yet to be achieved. India, in particular, at first expressed opposition even to the mild resolution tabled by France, Britain and Belgium this week. This stops far short of peacekeeping, offering only an arms embargo and moral support for EC mediation.

But an arms embargo alone can do little to perpetuate the ceasefire. Croats, obliged to defend themselves with captured equipment, see the embargo as biased against them. The Serbs, armed to the teeth already, are liable to consider any greater UN role as meddling in Yugoslavia's affairs.

Even so, preparations for assembling a force should be put in hand. The necessary but insufficient precondition for intervention is an invitation from the legal representative of Yugoslavia. The presidency, the government and the diplomatic service are all badly split. But on Tuesday the Croatian holder of the rotating presidency, Stipe Mesic, declared himself in favour of a UN force. He wants UN troops not only in the battle zones but also on the borders of Croatia and Bosnia-Hercegovina, Serbia and Montenegro, and in the Serbian province of Kosovo, where the overwhelmingly Muslim population plans to hold a referendum on independence.

At the same time Mr Mesic's Serbian counterpart, Mr Jovic, was dismissing any withdrawal from the occupied regions and the army refuses to obey Mr Mesic. He cannot therefore vouch for the safety of a UN force, which renders the military balance unstable. The Croats clearly erred in not confiscating the army's arsenals on their soil as soon as they declared independence. Many blame President Tudjman for holding fire. If the peace talks stall, a counter-offensive to expel the Serbian and federal forces is probable. In Belgrade there are growing doubts about the ultimate goal of the war, but the advocates of greater Serbia, including President Milosevic, retain the upper hand. They still covet the Adriatic coastline and Bosnia-Hercegovina.

Clearly the outlook is grim. If hostilities resume, any UN force could be caught in the crossfire. But then the circumstances in which peaceful intervention can be attempted are seldom perfect. Yugoslavia has lost at least a thousand lives and stands to lose many more. There is a widespread desire for peace, as the high level of desertions from the army suggests. The leaders of the two sides are still meeting. The lull may pass. But if the British and other Europeans do not urge the UN to act now, the conflict might soon degenerate into a long war of attrition, with outsiders merely standing by and wringing their hands.

CLAIMING GREEN KUDOS

Politically, Michael Heseltine is not a natural green. Though he is environment secretary, the themes that drive him are national revival, industrial regeneration, and inner-city development. These sit uneasily with the environmentalists' emphasis on the costs of growth. Mr Heseltine has long predicted, however, that greenery in politics would pass its peak as the recession went on.

But Mr Heseltine prides himself on being a man of action. Chris Patten, his predecessor, boasted last year that his white paper on the environment included 352 proposals for environmental improvement. Numerically at least, Mr Heseltine trumped him yesterday. Presenting the government's first annual report on environmental progress, he listed 400 specific environmental advances.

His is a nitty-gritty, this-and-that sort of list. Some items are international, like advising India how to cut chemical pollution. Others are European, such as the agreement to phase out CFCs by mid-1997. Others are British, like the creation of two new marine nature reserves. Some are wholly advisory; for example a voluntary agreement to label electrical appliances to show their energy efficiency.

Here and there they rely on market mechanisms, as with the introduction by the National Rivers Authority of charges for "discharge consents". Others again are mandatory, such as new requirements for exhaust monitoring in MoT tests. And, as with any government wishing to show clear intent without major expenditure, much is to be researched: for example, a battlefields survey to be conducted by English Heritage.

To fundamentalist greens these may seem trivial. But improving the environment is not a single simple task, capable of achievement through vision and commitment alone. It requires a number of detailed policies, interrelated to be sure, but diverse.

It is also to Mr Heseltine's credit that he frankly records the white-paper proposals on which ministers have yet to act, for example on renewable energy sources. This represents a welcome piece of open government that adds appreciably to the credibility of the exercise.

The ultimate test of the government's commitment will lie in its willingness to apply the principle relegated to an appendix in the white paper but accepted as the cornerstone of environmental policy in a market economy: the principle that the polluter shall pay. The Chancellor of the Exchequer tiptoed in that direction in his Budget when he put petrol tax up by 15 per cent while freezing Vehicle Excise Duty. But the cabinet last year shied away from imposing a carbon tax, for fear of industry.

This omission opened a flank to the EC Commission. The Commission is ever open to pressure-group persuasion; ever looking for popular causes to establish its legitimacy; ever after a Trojan horse to smuggle through extensions of its reach. It yesterday "recommended" a half-baked carbon tax to be imposed by all members states that would add 61 per cent to the price of industrial coal, 31 per cent to gas and 16 per cent to industrial electricity in an attempt to combat global warming.

The British government has rightly opposed new taxes from Brussels. Control over taxation is the hallmark of the sovereign state. There is a strong case for ministers from sovereign states to come together to agree that they will all impose a carbon tax: next year's Earth Summit is an opportunity. There is no case at all for the initiative to begin with an unelected European Commission, which wants the kudos without bearing the cost. The British government should reject the Brussels proposal, while committing itself to the imposition of more sensible measures of its own.

BOOKS AND BOOKERMEN

Contrary to the conventional account, when Caligula's horse was promoted to consul, that was not an act of philippomania but a daft literary decision by the Booker judges of the day. When the Emperor Joseph II and his court at Vienna preferred Salieri to Mozart ("too many notes, my dear Mozart"), their misjudgment was made by a panel of judges. Even high court judges have been known to disagree. But all these judges dealt with matters that were more justiciable than a work of literature.

Judges of Shetland ponies and synchronised swimming can disagree passionately. But at least they know what they are looking for. Breeders of pedigree animals have strictly defined points of conformation against which to judge their animals. And judges of synchronised swimming hold up their marks for artistic impression and technical merit. The whole point of creative writing is not to conform, but to break the boundaries, to make the world new in words. No wonder judges of literary awards have a hard time: they have no agreed standard against which to judge their material.

It is not surprising, therefore, that the judges of literary prizes often disagree, as when Nicholas Mosley resigned from the Booker judges on Tuesday night. He is said to have been miffed that neither *The Sins of the Father* by Allan Massie, nor any of his other favourite novels, were to be included in the shortlist. But this happens in every literary award. In 1971 Malcolm Muggeridge resigned from the Booker judges because he thought all the books were filthy. In the Whitbread novel award of 1989, Jane Gardam disapproved so strongly of the book preferred by her two colleagues (about incest) that she shanghaied them into giving the award to their second choice (a book about self-castration).

Anyone who has ever judged a literary award knows that bloody-minded disagreement and will-not-budge-an-inchism are the elements in which they take place. The only literary award that one could be sure represented the first choice of the judges would be an award judged by one person. Even then, he or she might have come to a different decision after lunch. There are notorious examples in the Booker, in 19... (but, aposiopesis, it would be unkind to name the years), when the judges were deadlocked between opposing factions, and a novel that was the first choice of *nobody* slipped through to take the prize.

In the absence of any general criteria for the modern novel, judges tend to follow trends. A current fashionable style for award-winning novels, like *Possession* last year, is to have contemporary events exploring similar events in the past. Judges tend to be backward-looking, giving the prize rather more for past service than for this year's effort. William Golding, Kingsley Amis and Iris Murdoch all deservedly won the Booker, but not for their best books. There are no sure answers in the slippery world of literary judgments.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Effects of rail cuts on South-East

From Mr Stephen Hayklan

Sir, In order to stay within the government's spending limits, Network SouthEast plans to slash £30 million from its current budget, in addition to the cuts totalling £84 million announced in July (report, September 20). These plans are a direct threat to the ability of London businesses to compete in Europe and the world.

The inadequacy of London's transport already places an annual burden of some £10 billion on businesses operating in the capital and the South-East, and there are disturbing signs that London is losing out to other capitals as the pre-eminent financial centre of Europe and in those business sectors previously considered its strength.

Essential improvements and long-term investment programmes, such as the Cross Rail link between Paddington and Liverpool Street, the Paddington/Heathrow link and the channel tunnel links, are now at risk. These projects are essential, not only for the efficient operation of the London and national economy, but to provide adequate links to mainland Europe, our foremost trading partner.

Without them London will cease to attract the business investment to ensure its survival, while its businesses will face the extra increasing costs of congestion on its road and rail networks.

Yours faithfully,
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September 23.

From Sir Peter Lazarus

Sir, The decision to cut commuter line projects by £30 million appears to have focused on the finances and investment prospects of Network SouthEast rather than on the implications for the traveller, particularly the commuter.

This is no surprise. But we must all have hoped that government policies for a citizen's charter would imply some change in emphasis in their thinking about the finances of public transport.

If the government are genuinely interested in the standard of service received by the individual, then this must surely cover the standard of public transport provided for the commuter. This cannot sensibly continue to depend simply on whether in any particular year the body concerned is making a sufficient profit.

Transport investment takes many years to plan and implement, and the traveller will have no hope of improvement if the decision on each tranche of investment is to depend on whether the fares from travellers, including tourists, and from property sales have come up to expectations.

If we want a civilised standard of travelling then we cannot keep cutting the investment. If it all has to depend on the financial results, year by year, then the promises of more concern for the individual will be quite empty of meaning.

Yours faithfully,
PETER LAZARUS
(Permanent Secretary, Department of Transport, 1982-5),
28 Woodside Avenue, N6.
September 20.

Judicial appointments

From Mr Peter Wade

Sir, I noted the six categories that the Lord Chancellor (report, September 19) has for monitoring applicants for the judiciary: white; West Indian origin; black African origin; Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan or Afro-Asian origin; Chinese; or other.

There are of course two more: women, and solicitors such as myself.

Yours sincerely,
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September 23.

From Mr Anthony Lester, QC

Sir, Your report (September 21) of my remarks at the Institute of Public Policy Research conference does not accurately reflect what I actually said about judicial appointments.

I welcomed the Lord Chancellor's initiative (report, September 19) in involving senior members of the Bar in interviewing would-be assistant recorders — the first rung on the ladder to the Bench. However, like the chairman of the Bar Council, I drew attention to the need to build on this initiative by creating a judicial services commission to ensure a more systematically objective approach to judicial appointments and to combat prejudice which might seep into the process.

It is not the case, from my experience in interviewing candidates, that it has become "clear that there is a great deal of prejudice, some of it on political grounds, which seeps into the records". Indeed, I have quite properly never had access to the records in the Lord Chancellor's department.

Yours truly,
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Temple, EC4.
September 22.

'Palaces of disease'

From Dr Robert M. H. Lefever

Sir, James LeFanu ("London's palaces of disease", September 18), and indeed the 1980 Flowers report on the future of medical and dental teaching, could have gone further in considering the reorganisation of London's undergraduate teaching hospitals. Why should we have any at all?

Clinical medicine is as much an art as a science, yet the alliance between academia and super-specialists that controls our teaching hospitals ensures that medical students are selected on examination in scientific subjects. Progressively purer science dominates the student's progress through undergraduate and postgraduate education towards the ultimate accolade of teaching-hospital consultancy.

Yet most of the products of the teaching hospitals will spend their working lives in general practice or district hospitals. That is precisely where they need to learn their medicine. Practical experience and broader values should be learnt from those actually doing the brunt of the work for the wider population.

Universities could extend their courses to include clinical subjects, so that a thorough formal education is achieved, something that is often neglected in the lottery of teaching-hospital wards.

Those students who share the super-specialists' fascination with the rare could still do so in postgraduate teaching hospitals. But the majority of medical students would have been better trained for the work that they will actually do in practice; they may well come to appreciate it more, and that must be beneficial to their patients.

The problem with undergraduate teaching hospitals is not faulty premises but a false premise.

Sincerely,
ROBERT LEFEVER,
2a Pelham Street, SW7.

'Pseudo-Macedonia'

From the Ambassador of Greece

Sir, Your report of September 9, "Macedonia joins queue to secede", seriously erred in identifying the glorious empire of Alexander the Great, 2,300 years earlier, with the present-day southernmost republic of the Yugoslav Federation, the so-called "Republic of Macedonia".

Alexander the Great was not born or raised nor did he reside in Skopje or anywhere else in the Republic of "Macedonia" but in Aegae, capital of the ancient Kingdom of Macedonia. This lies a few miles west of Salonika and was (as it is today) part of the Greek nation and the Greek territory.

The actual republic of pseudo-Macedonia was Josip Tito's creation after the second world war in his attempt to further his own political aims and to promote, under various guises, territorial claims against neighbouring states.

With this in mind, he created a state in which he amassed together Slavic, Albanian and other ethnic groups living in the area of southern Serbia. The collapse of Tito's structure in Yugoslavia shows how short-lived artificial creations defying history and reality can be.

Let me stress that Greece has no territorial claims whatsoever regarding the entity of Skopje, or any other neighbouring country for that matter. We would like to hope that the leaders of Skopje will not try to promote territorial claims under any pretext against Greece.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE D. PAPOULIAS,
Embassy of Greece,
1a Holland Park, W11.

Regimental mergers

From Lieutenant-General Sir Derek Boorman and others

Sir, The Staffordshire Regiment's campaign to avoid amalgamation is gathering pace after its launch earlier this month, adding their name to the growing number of infantry regiments who are expressing serious disquiet at the government's defence cuts.

These regimental campaigns, of course, are being run by retired servicemen and their supporters, since serving personnel are not allowed to comment on government policy. Yet it is on the serving personnel that the unwelcome impact of the cuts will fall. It is important to them that their views and concerns for the future should be properly voiced and considered.

What an invidious situation these proud regiments have been put in. The Ministry of Defence has issued only the broadest of explanations for its 30 per cent infantry cuts. Those regiments affected are therefore being obliged either to accept amalgamation without justification or to argue against it publicly. They should have been spared such a decision.

Good leadership requires contentious orders to be explained. Had the Ministry of Defence consulted fully during its decision-making process, it would have had to contend with fierce debate but would not now be facing heavy criticism. Regiments like ours would not be voicing in public arguments which they would prefer to debate in private.

Looking to the future, any regiment which is ordered to amalgamate without understandable rationale is bound to end its history feeling shabbily treated. Given their many years of service and sacrifice, that must not be allowed to happen. Several currently proposed amalgamations are difficult to understand, including that of the Staffordshire Regiment from the Midlands with the Cheshire Regiment from Merseyside: scarcely a merging of like with like.

We, as former colonels of the Staffordshire Regiment, understand that the army board has reviewed its decisions but does not intend to change or explain them. If that is true, it is regrettable. Our serious disquiet and desire for explanation remain.

Yours faithfully,
D. BOORMAN,
JOHN COMMINGS,
LOUIS HARGROVES,
GERALD THUBRON,
JEREMY SWYNNERTON,
c/o Regimental Headquarters,
The Staffordshire Regiment,
(The Prince of Wales's),
Whittington Barracks,
Lichfield, Staffordshire.
September 25.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (071 782 5046).

Oxfam defends its 'political' stance

From the Chairman of Oxfam UK and Ireland

Sir, Your editorial, "Charities and politics" (September 21), rightly set out the necessity for charities like Oxfam to concern themselves with the politics of aid and to draw public attention to the political obstacles to their work.

It is a pity therefore that the considered arguments were impaired by its acceptance of the International Freedom Foundation's complaint that Oxfam Belgium has endorsed a campaign to raise more than £16,000 for the African National Congress. This was based on a misrepresentation of the relationship between the international Oxfams.

There are seven Oxfams around the world, in the UK and Ireland, America, Australia, Canada, Quebec, Belgium and Hong Kong. They have broadly the same aims — to relieve poverty, distress and suffering — but came into being in different ways and are entirely autonomous and independent.

In the case of Oxfam Belgium, for example, a group of Belgians observed Oxfam United Kingdom and Ireland's work in Rwanda in 1963 and were so impressed that they decided to set up a similar organisation in their own country. Oxfam Worldshops is a fair-trade organisation set up by Oxfam Belgium.

Each Oxfam is completely self-governing, has its own board of trustees, raises money in its own ways, pursues its own programmes of emergency aid and development work overseas, and operates according to the laws relating to charities or non-profit making associations which pertain in its particular country. It therefore appears that the IFF complaint to the Charity Commission in the UK about Oxfam Belgium is singularly ill-informed and misdirected.

The Charity Commission has made it plain that it will protect the duty of trustees to engage in public life where appropriate on behalf of beneficiaries and in pursuit of their charitable objects. Mr David Forrest, secretary to the commission, stated in a letter published in *New Statesman & Society* on July 19, 1991, that

> That often looks like political activity to those who hold other opinions, but trustees may rely on the commissioners to champion them if they are fulfilling their functions energetically within the law.

In this context it is also pertinent to note that the Charity Commission found that Oxfam UKI's trustees are "persons of repute whose charity stands high in public esteem and whose sincerity in pursuit of their charitable objects is not in doubt", and that "the propriety of most of Oxfam's activities in the educational and political fields has been upheld".

Yours sincerely,
MARY CHERRY,
Chairman of Trustees,
Oxfam UK and Ireland,
274 Banbury Road, Oxford.
September 23.

Lottery lessons

From the General Secretary of the Irish Football Association

Sir, The assertion by Andrew Tottenham (September 16) that a national lottery "would provide a reliable source of revenue for charities" is precisely the opposite to what has happened south of the border in the Irish Republic.

On June 28 this year leaders of 16 major Irish charities wrote to the taoiseach to say that £50 million of the expenditure on the Irish national lottery has been at the expense of charitable fundraising: "since 1988, the annual sales of charitable lotteries have fallen by 50 per cent".

The charities — which included such organisations as the Alzheimer Society, the Cheshire Foundation, the Multiple Sclerosis Society, the National Association for Cerebral Palsy, Special Olympics Ireland — reminded Mr Haughey that he had said in 1987 that the establishment of the national lottery would not have a negative impact on charitable fundraising:

> Most charitable organisations in Ireland are experiencing funding difficulties. As a result, services to those disadvantaged in our society are being affected. Successful charitable lotteries provide a vital means of fundraising. They are now in serious decline. The situation has now reached crisis point.

Your readers should take to heart the problems our neighbours in the Republic have suffered through the Irish national lottery, and treat Mr Tottenham's confidence about the welfare of charities with deep scepticism.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID L. BOWEN,
General Secretary,
Irish Football Association Ltd,
20 Windsor Avenue,
Belfast.
September 20.

Student behaviour

From Mr A. H. P. Humphrey

Sir, It is reassuring to read your report (later editions, September 19) that after October 5 Peking university students will have to stop hugging, kissing and holding hands on campus.

This is a welcome move towards the standards of student behaviour required in the West, as in the *Memorandum on the Conduct and Discipline of Junior Members of the University* which was issued to me on my admission to Oxford University.

The memorandum contains detailed regulations, such as:

> Undergraduates may not take instruction in dancing except from teachers licensed by the Proctors;
> Men and Women Undergraduates may not go on the river or for motor rides together, unless each Woman Undergraduate has previously obtained leave from the Principal of her College and there are at least two women of the party;

and, of course,

> A Woman Undergraduate may not enter the rooms of a Man Undergraduate and vice-versa.

I was admitted in 1930.

Yours faithfully,
A. H. P. HUMPHREY,
14 Ambrose Place,
Worthing,
West Sussex.
September 19.

Making amends

From Mrs Michael Noakes

Sir, Now that John Cairncross admits that he was "the fifth man" (report, September 23), should there not be some recognition of the injustice of the distress caused to the family of the late Sir Roger Hollis?

Yours faithfully,
VIVIEN NOAKES,
146 Hamilton Terrace,
St John's Wood, NW8.
September 25.

Party funding

From Lieutenant-Colonel A. E. Hemesley (retd)

Sir, Maybe the question of funding political parties, raised by Peter Riddell in his article of September 23, could be solved by restricting them to £1 allocated annually from each willing taxpayer, the donation to be indicated by ticking a box on the tax return — deductible from gross tax, of course.

In this way those eligible by income to pay for government expenditure could show their appreciation to the party of their choice, for the programmes put forward. Incidentally the political parties would have an indication of their support, and consequently the opinion polls and their resultant media hype would be unnecessary.

There would of course be the option not to pay to any party.

Yours faithfully,
TONY HEMESLEY,
Applebye House,
Old Malton, North Yorkshire.
September 23.

Assurance doubly sure

From Mrs Cary Goode

Sir, I have returned my Access card to the National Westminster Bank because I do not wish to pay the annual fee. Instead I have an affinity card which benefits charity.

I received a few days later four identical letters from the manager of card services at the National Westminster Bank, expressing his regret. I presume the fee is needed to fund this quadrupling of administration costs.

Yours faithfully,
CARY GOODE (Director),
National Asthma Campaign,
300 Upper Street, N1.

Major's run-up

From Lieutenant-Commander C. R. Chaney

Sir, Whilst not wishing to decry the achievements of the prime minister in taking seven wickets for nine runs at the age of 13 ("Politics? Let's talk cricket", September 21), this may have had something to do with the batting prowess of the opponents. I too played the Royal Masonic School, representing Colet Court in what I believe was the same year, and we bowled them all out for nothing.

Being "good sports", we allowed them to bat again. This time they made seven runs.

Yours faithfully,
C. R. CHANEY,
The Gabled House,
5 Ashburton Road,
Gosport, Hampshire.
September 23.

Harder to remember

From Mr Robert D. J. Wright

Sir, What correspondence?

Yours faithfully,
R. D. J. WRIGHT,
Oak Lodge, 65 Headley Road,
Liphook, Hampshire.
September 25.

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
September 25: The Duke of Edinburgh, President of WWF – World Wide Fund for Nature, arrived at Dyce Airport from Brussels this afternoon.

Lieutenant Commander Malcolm Sillars, RN, was in attendance.

The Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded Lady Abel Smith as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 25: The Duchess of York, Patron, this morning visited Carr-Gomm's West Park House "High Care Home", Mottingham, London SE9.

Her Royal Highness this afternoon opened the new Nordoff-Robbins Music Therapy Centre, 2 Lissenden Gardens, London NW5.

Mrs Harry Cotterell was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 25: The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester this evening arrived at Heathrow Airport at the conclusion of Their Royal Highnesses' visit to Luxembourg and Hanover.

Mrs Howard Page, Miss Suzanne Marland and Major Nicholas Barne were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
September 25: The Duke of Kent, Colonel Scots Guards, today received Lieutenant Colonel Tom Fitzalan Howard on assuming command of the 2nd Battalion and Lieutenant Colonel Douglas Erskine Crum on relinquishing the appointment.

His Royal Highness, President of the Business and Technician Education Council, this afternoon received Mr Parry Rogers and Mr John Sellars.

The Duke of Kent this evening attended a Reception as part of the Japan Festival 1991 on board HM Yacht Britannia in the Pool of London.

Captain the Hon Christopher Knollys was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, patron, this afternoon received Mr Pieter Bruijn on becoming Director of Befrienders International and Mrs Vanda Scott on relinquishing the appointment.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
September 25: Princess Alexandra and Sir Angus Ogilvy were present this afternoon at a Luncheon, following the British Invisibles Seminar (London and Tokyo: Financial Partnership in the New Europe), on board HM Yacht Britannia in the Pool of London.

Mrs Peter Afia and Rear Admiral Sir John Garnier were in attendance.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.C. Baron
and Miss T.A.M. Laird
The engagement is announced between John, eldest son of Mr Raymond Baron, of Paphos, Cyprus, and Mrs Kathleen Baron, of Bath, Avon, and Thalia, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W.B.M. Laird, of Edinburgh.

Mr F.E. Barrelet
and Miss A. Young
The engagement is announced between Frédéric Eduoard, only son of Mr and Mrs C.E. Barrelet, of Céligny, Switzerland, and Annalisa, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.I. Young, of Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex.

Mr J.A. Dennison
and Miss V.G. Jones
The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Mr Richard Dennison, of Hackney, London, and the late Mrs Caroline Ballantyne, and Verity, daughter of Dr and Mrs Buck Jones, of Wellington, Herefordshire.

Mr J.A. Dickie
and Miss K.J.S. Hardcastle
The engagement is announced between Johnny, second son of Mr and Mrs Alex Dickie, of Kilmacolm, Renfrewshire, and Kirsty, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Iain Hardcastle, of Cholmondeley, Cheshire.

Mr A.J. Farrer
and Mrs J.A.S. Conway
The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of the late Mr and Mrs B.F. Farrer, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and Jennifer, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs H.J.St V. de Sausmarez, of St Peter Port, Guernsey.

Mr N.E.L. Foxell
and Miss A.V.E. Chauvin de Précourt
The engagement is announced between Nigel, only son of the late Rev Lambert and Mrs Foxell, of Child's Place, London, and Anne, only daughter of the late M Claude Chauvin de Précourt and of Mme Chauvin de Précourt, of Amberley, West Sussex.

Mr A.D.M. Gray
and Miss N.J. Cheales
The engagement is announced between David, son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Colin Gray, of Nantucket, USA, and Nicola, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Maxwell Cheales, of Aston Upthorpe, Oxfordshire.

Mr P.J. Harris
and Miss S.J. Crowther
The engagement is announced between Peter, youngest son, of Mr and Mrs M.R. Harris, of Wimbledon, London, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Crowther, of Ampthill, Bedford.

Mr A.A.F. Kennedy
and Miss K.L. Friend
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Robin Kennedy, of Richmond, Surrey, and Katie, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Friend, of Bletchingley, Surrey.

Mr W.J.L. Makower
and Miss I.L. Higgins
The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs Oliver Makower, of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, and Imogen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Higgins, of Clifton, Bristol.

Mr A. Martell
and Miss S.M. Stephenson
The engagement is announced between Andrew, youngest son of the late Captain and Mrs C.C. Martell, of Shotley Hall, Shotley Bridge, Northumberland, and Shelagh, daughter of Wing Commander and Mrs P.J.T. Stephenson, of Sotogrande, Spain.

Mr J.S. Nicholson
and Miss M.J. Kettlewell
The engagement is announced between John, younger son of Mr and Mrs C.J. Nicholson, of East Lambrook, Somerset, and Melissa, elder daughter of Captain N.I.C. and Lady Serena Kettlewell, of Newton Toney, Wiltshire.

Mr T.C. Padley
and Miss J.A.J. Spearing
The engagement is announced between Tim, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A.C. Padley, of Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and Jessica, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Spearing, of Pattyndenne Manor, Goudhurst, Kent.

Mr S.W. Polito
and Miss H.W. Cormack
The engagement is announced between Simon, youngest son of Mrs Dodo Polito and the late Mr John Polito, of Leicester, and Helen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Neville Cormack, of Rossendale, Lancashire.

Marriages

Mr J.D.E. Byam Shaw
and Miss J.E. Scott
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 21, at Holy Trinity Church, Blythburgh, Suffolk, between Mr Justin David Elliott Byam Shaw and Miss Jane Elizabeth Scott. The Rev Harry Edwards officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Clementine, Albert and Aimeé Touton and Tom and Eleanor Stewart. Mr David Hudd was best man.

A reception was held at the Green, Blythburgh, and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr C.W. Heathcoat Amory
and Mrs D.E. Mann
The marriage took place in Barnstaple, Devon, on Wednesday, September 25, between Mr Charles Heathcoat Amory and Mrs Diana Mann.

Captain S. Vaughan-Edwards
and Miss C. Orchard
The marriage took place on September 21, at Holy Trinity, Brompton, between Captain Simon Vaughan-Edwards, 16th/5th Royal Lancers, son of Mr and Mrs David Vaughan-Edwards, of Wolborough, Newton Abbot, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Orchard, of Wimbledon Common, London. The Rev Sandy Millar officiated.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Cuthbert Collingwood, 1st Baron Collingwood, admiral, Newcastle upon Tyne, 1750; Theodore Gericault, painter, Rouen, 1791; Charles Bradlaugh, freethought advocate and politician, London, 1833; Ivan Pavlov, physiologist, Ryazan, Russia, 1849; Sir Barnes Wallis, engineer, Ripley, Derbyshire, 1887; Thomas Stearns Eliot, poet, dramatist and critic, Nobel laureate 1948, St Louis, Missouri, 1888; Martin Heideggar, philosopher, Messkirch, Germany, 1889; Giovanni Montini, Pope Paul VI 1963-78, Concessio, Italy, 1897; George Gershwin, composer, New York, 1898.

DEATHS: Thomas Clarkson, anti-slavery agitator, Playford Hall, Ipswich, 1846; August Ferdinand Mobius, astronomer, Leipzig, 1868; James Keir Hardie, founder of the Independent Labour Party, Glasgow, 1915

Today's royal engagements

The Duchess of York will present the Cartier Business awards at a luncheon at the Savoy Hotel at 1.00; and will open the Amanda Edwards appeal unit at the Dom Valdez Centre for Cancer Care, Murdishaw, Runcorn, at 4.20.

The Duke of Kent, as Chancellor of Surrey University, will attend a 25th anniversary reception at St James's Palace at 6.45; and, as Patron of the London Philharmonic Orchestra, will attend the London Philharmonic Trust's gala evening at the Festival Hall at 7.25.

The Duchess of Kent will visit the David Lewis Centre for Epilepsy at Warford, Alderley Edge, Cheshire, at 11.15; and will open the Manchester and District Housing Association's new development at Morris Grove, Flixton, Trafford, at 1.00.

OBITUARIES

GORDON BASHFORD

Gordon Dennis Bashford, motor design engineer, died on September 21 aged 75. He was born on August 27, 1916.

GORDON Bashford led the design and development of the original Land Rover, one of the most successful vehicles made in Britain. The versatility of the American-built Willys Jeep during the second world war underlined the need for British forces to have a similar vehicle capable of crossing rough terrain under any conditions. The Wilks brothers, Maurice and Spencer, who were then running the Rover company, called in Bashford, who had joined the company as a 14-year-old apprentice and tea boy in 1930.

Designing such a vehicle was a tricky task but Bashford and his colleagues started with technology already available. He went out to a US Army barracks in the Cotswolds and bought two old Willys Jeeps which he stripped down to their component parts to discover the strengths and weaknesses of the vehicle. There were two stories about the origin of "Jeep": one is that the name is derived from the description "general purpose" (GP); The other that it stood for "Just every essential part."

Both became aims for the design of the new vehicle. The post-war shortage of steel forced the development team to use aluminium for the body structure. The choice was to prove a master stroke giving the Land Rover the strength and the longevity demanded by farmers and other customers the world over. Being lighter than would otherwise have been the case, the Land Rover was able to carry a greater pay-load, it did not corrode like steel, there was a low centre of gravity, and the coming of peace meant plenty of aluminium was available as aircraft production fell.

The vehicle was shown for the first time at the Amsterdam Motor Show of 1948 and was an immediate success with orders pouring in from around the world. King George VI tested one at Sandringham and Balmoral and ordered the first vehicle for his royal estates. Its four-wheel drive and rigid construction gave the Land Rover ability to cover rough ground. At the height of business Land Rovers were assembled from kits supplied from Rover's factory at Solihull, Warwickshire, in 30 countries and a million had been built by 1976.

Bashford, however, had to turn his attention back to saloon cars and, in charge of chassis design, was responsible for developing a series of cars for the company in the 1950s and 1960s, notably the staid Rover P4s — which included the 90 and 95 range; aiming at luxury and refinement they rivalled the Rolls-Royce as being Britain's quietest car. Bashford was chief designer of chassis and body for the P6 Rover 2000, which recaptured in modern guise the dashing image of pre-war Rovers and proved a lively work-horse for the police. He went on to design the SD1 model in 1976 which was voted European Car of the Year and also became popular for police use.

A need to provide cross-country performance with the comfort of saloon vehicle travel led to his involvement in the development of the Range Rover. First introduced in 1970 it is still breaking sales records for the the Land Rover company. The Range Rover was the only motor vehicle ever exhibited at the Louvre in Paris as a work of art.

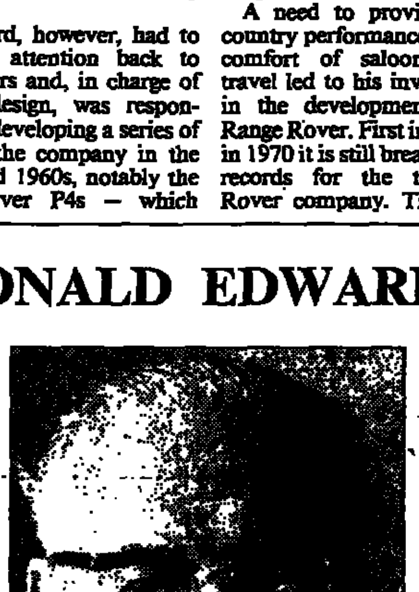
While Bashford played a major part in the development of most of the post-war cars from Rover, he was also involved in research work on vehicles, such as the energy conservation car which was to be capable of 100 mph and 100 mpg; but its development was shelved. He later worked at Rover's research and development centre at Gaydon, Warwickshire, until his retirement in 1981.

He had gained his experience working at the drawing board which was later to be translated into direction of a team of up to 30 people working under him. They found him fun to work for. Quietly spoken, he was patient in reaching his objectives. He would go round and ask people if they had any problems; if one emerged he would draw up a chair and say: "Let's find a solution," leaving colleagues with the impression they had found it themselves. He was a brilliant design engineer, putting into practice fundamentals, embodying good design as the most elegant solution to a particular set of circumstances. He had a grasp of detail and of the overall concept. It was in marrying the two that he showed his originality. While he would never put up with incompetence he was never known to lose his temper with a colleague.

The motor industry was his life. Even in his retirement he helped with the design of vehicle adaptations for the disabled. A silver candle-stick on his dining table has on it: "Midlander of the Year 1976. Rover 3500 design team. Gordon Bashford." He leaves a considerable reputation: it is estimated that 70 per cent of the more than 1.6 million Land Rovers which have been built are still in regular use.

He is survived by his widow, Gladys.

DONALD EDWARDS



Donald Edwards, CBE, journalist and broadcaster, died on September 14 aged 86. He was born on September 27, 1904.

DONALD Edwards held a series of senior posts at the BBC and ITN and was one of a small band of newspapermen who brought their professionalism to broadcasting to strengthen the journalism of the corporation early in the second world war. He was head of the BBC's external services news department from 1948 to 1958; editor of news and current affairs from 1960 to 1967; general manager of local radio development from 1967 to 1968; and managing director of ITN from 1968 to 1971.

Perhaps his greatest achievement was in ensuring, first as assistant European news editor and then as news editor from 1940 to 1945, that the news broadcasts to occupied, enemy and neutral countries were free from the taint of propaganda. That was not easy at a time when a senior Foreign Office official could write: "Straight news must not be interpreted as including news which can do us harm with the people we are addressing," and when governments in exile weighed every word broadcast to their countries.

Donald Isaac Edwards took a degree at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and learned his craft in provincial journalism before becoming a sub-editor on *The Daily Telegraph* where by 1939 he was "splash sub" (the sub-editor charged with handling the lead story of the day). Like many another night worker, he joined the Territorials after Munich in the "actors' and journalists' company" of the 2nd Bn Queen's Westminsters, which offered daytime training. By August 1939 he was automatically called up, but within a few months his services were requisitioned for the rapidly growing news room of the BBC's European service. In two years he was in charge, his responsibilities expanding until he became head of news for the worldwide external services.

In 1958 he moved to the domestic services as editor, first of the news on radio and television, and then, from 1960 to 1967, of the whole field of news and current affairs. Here the challenge was not a question of introducing professional standards, but of tackling the old enmity and mistrust between the professionals of the news division and those of the current affairs departments, first in radio and then — a harder job — in television.

His last task with the BBC was to help develop, as general manager in 1967-68, the newly-born local radio system. Then in 1968 he took his experience and talents to ITN where, as managing director, he presided over the representatives of the commercial television companies on the ITN board.

Donald Edwards was a warm-hearted, down-to-earth man, proud of his Lancashire origins. His years as a sub-editor had developed his ability to seize quickly the essentials of complex issues and he brought this capacity into his higher editorial functions.

He is survived by his wife, Enid, and by two sons.

HERBERT BLANKENHORN

Herbert Blankenhorn, a former West German ambassador to Nato, France, Italy and Britain, has died aged 86. He was born at Mulhouse (then Mülhausen), Alsace, on December 15, 1904.

A PROTÉGÉ of Dr Konrad Adenauer, Herbert Blankenhorn belonged to that generation of German officials who, with the blessing and co-operation of the allies, re-laid the foundations of party democracy after the second world war and shaped the Federal German Republic's foreign identity. That he lived to see Germany reunified under a Christian Democratic Union (CDU) chancellor must have given him great cause for satisfaction.

He compromised himself in the late 1930s when, as a young diplomat serving in the United States, he joined the Nazi party and continued to pursue his career throughout the war. After postings, important to the Germans, in Finland and Switzerland he returned to Berlin in 1943 to spend two years in the foreign ministry itself — though fortunately in the relatively apolitical protocol section.

By this time, however, he belonged to an anti-Hitler faction in the ministry and was one of those designated to take over the running of it had the 1944 bomb plot against Hitler been successful. In 1945 his reputation was sufficiently unsullied for the British to accept him as deputy secretary-general of the Zonal Advisory Council in Hamburg.

The next few years prepared the way for his own post-war renaissance as well as that of his country. He was briefly secretary-general of the CDU in the British zone, which brought him into close contact with Dr Adenauer, then he became Adenauer's private secretary. Of all the members of Adenauer's "kindergarten" — the young aides who worked with him in those years — Blankenhorn was considered to be the favourite nephew. He was once tipped to be the first post-war foreign minister.

The most significant period, for him as well as for his country, was perhaps that of 1950-55 when he was political director of the new Foreign Office of the Federal Republic. These were the years which saw the formation of the Coal and Steel Community and West Germany's emergence as a new force in post-war Europe.

Then in 1955 he began a sequence of ambassadorial posts in which he was able to practise what he preached. He could hardly have charted a more logical progression: the first West German envoy at Nato, 1955-58; ambassador to France shortly after the Treaty of Rome, 1958-63; to Italy following Adenauer's retirement, 1963-65; and finally to this country, 1965-70.

He made the headlines in 1969 when the prime minister Harold Wilson summoned him to Downing Street at 12.30am one November night to harangue him over Bonn's reluctance to revalue the mark. Roy Jenkins, then Chancellor of the Exchequer, describes in his memoirs how Blankenhorn arrived for his 25-minute lecture "bland and alert, in his dinner jacket". But reports at the time that Wilson threatened to make cuts in the British Army of the Rhine were unfounded. Blankenhorn was appointed honorary GCVO in 1965.

Educated at the London School of Economics (as well as at Munich, Heidelberg and the Sorbonne) he came to be regarded as a good friend of this country. Although he believed in the new Franco-German axis he did not think this should work to the exclusion of Britain and continued to press for British admittance to the European Community, despite the opposition of de Gaulle — who never got on with him.

After retiring in 1970 he served for six years as West Germany's representative on the executive board of Unesco. His political memoirs were published in 1980.

Blankenhorn, who was born into a family of wine growers in Alsace in the days when the province was part of the German empire, married Gisela Krug in 1944; they had two sons and two daughters.

EARDLEY KNOLLYS

Julian Machin writes:

MAY I add a little to your interesting obituary of Eardley Knollys? Eardley was astonished to realise — in mid-flight over the Channel in 1945 — that his companions, Graham and Kathy Sutherland, were going to Paris for the first time in their lives. He showed them everything, including Versailles, giving them the most wonderful time.

Two years later he took them — to their increased delight — to the south: specifically, to the Welcome Hotel, Villefranche, where he had once spent the winter. As has been remarked by the painter Adrian Ryan, who was with them, here Sutherland beheld the cactuses that formed his thorn motif ever after.

Eardley's delight in showing others the way, leading them into parts of the world, in all its excellence, was his signature.

Birthdays today

Miss Lucette Aldous, ballerina, 53; Mrs Margaret Bryan, diplomat, 62; Lady (Hugh) Casson, architect and designer, 78; Mr Ian Chappell, cricketer, 48; Mr Neil Coles, golfer, 57; Mr Peter Dews, theatre and television director, 62; Mr Bryan Ferry, rock singer, 45; Sir Alan Glyn, MP, 73; Lord Griffiths, 68; Air Commodore Joy Harris, former matron-in-chief, PMRAFNS, 65; Sir James Hennessy, diplomat, 68.

Professor Louise Johnson, biophysicist, 51; Mr P.T. Lewis, chairman, John Lewis Partnership, 62; Sir Ronald McIntosh, former chairman, APV, 72; the Rev Professor Ernest Nicholson, provost, Oriel College, Oxford, 53; Mr G.W. Pusack, former chairman, Mobil Oil Company, 71; Mr Kenny Sansom, footballer, 33; Marshal of the RAF Sir Denis Spotswood, 75; Miss Margaret Thomas, painter, 75; Mr V.H. Watson, chairman, John Waddington, 63.

Receptions

University College and Middlesex School of Medicine
Professor R.S. Tedder delivered the inaugural address at a reception held yesterday to mark the opening of the J.D.H. Slater seminar room at University College and Middlesex School of Medicine. Professor J.R. Pattison, dean, presided.

English-Speaking Union
Lord Pym, Chairman of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, and Mr David Hicks, director-general, received the guests at a reception held yesterday at Dartmouth House after Mr Donald Trelford, Editor of *The Observer*, had delivered a lecture to the union. Lord Pym presided and Sir John Leahy, chairman of the current affairs unit, also spoke.

Memorial services

Major Adrian Hadden-Paton
The Duchess of York attended a service of thanksgiving for the life of Major Adrian Hadden-Paton held yesterday in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks.

The Rev J.A. Barrie officiated and Canon Basil Jones led the prayers. Mr Alasdair Hadden-Paton, son, read *Hertfordshire* by John Betjeman and Captain Nigel Hadden-Paton, son, read the lesson. General Sir Richard Worsley gave an address.

Among others present were:

Mrs Hadden-Paton (widow), Mrs Nigel Hadden-Paton and Mrs Alasdair Hadden-Paton (daughters-in-law), Harry and Alice Hadden-Paton (grandchildren), Miss Kathinka Warre.

The Duke of Roxburghe, Earl Alexander of Tunis, Ann Countess of Yarborough, Viscount and Viscountess Davidson, Lady Kenilworth, Lady Serena Bridgeman, the Hon Richard Pleydell-Bouverie (Deputy Lieutenant of Hertfordshire), the Hon Lady Worsley, the Hon Mrs McCraith, Sir Marcus Worsley (deputy chairman, National Trust) with Mr Julian Prideaux; Sir Anthony Tuke, Sir Alan Pullinger, Sir Peter Miles, Admiral Sir Andrew Lewis, Major and the Hon Mrs John Bowlby, Mr and the Hon Mrs Adrian White.

Brigadier F De Butts (representing the Lord Lieutenant of Hertfordshire), Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Rogers (The Blues and Royals), Lieutenant-Colonel G.T.R. Birdwood (Colonel of the Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment), Major Henry Blosse-Lynch, Mr David Winks and Mr Ken Davies (directors, Holland and Holland), Mr David Davenport (representing the president, Royal Forestry Society) with Mr John Jackson (director); Mr Roger Parker-Jervis (Timber Growers UK), the Rev K H Wilkinson (headmaster, Berkhamsted School), Miss Valerie Shepherd (headmistress, Berkhamsted School for Girls), Mrs Linda Craven and Miss Sella Coombs (Hospice of St Francis, Berkhamsted), Mr Allan Collier (chairman, Dacorum Magistrates, Hemel Hempstead).

Major-General and Mrs John Cordingley, Mr and Mrs David Drummond, Brigadier R Heathcoat-Amory, Mr and Mrs D Naylor-Leyland, Colonel Tim Powell, Mr J A Leavey, Brigadier Alan Breitmeyer, Dr and Mrs David Bleackley, Mr and Mrs Donald Scott, Mr Gerald Way, Mr and Mrs C W O Parker, Mr and Mrs R A Edwards, Mrs H Heathcoat-Amory, Mr David McDonough, Mr and Mrs Adrian McAlpine, Mr and Mrs John Matthews, Mr and Mrs Ashley Cooper, Mr and Mrs Eric Warburg, Mr Nicholas Halsey and Mr Toby Browne.

Sir Angus Wilson
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Angus Wilson was held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. Th Rev Donald Reeves officiated.

Mr Tony Garrett read from the works of Sir John Soane and Sir Ian McKellen from the works of W.H. Auden and Shakespeare. Miss Margaret Drabble gave an address. The Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk attended. Among others present were:

Mr and Mrs Glyn Davies, Mr Mark Davies, Mrs Richard Scott, Mrs Georgina Tuckett, Lord Goodman, CH, Lord Egremont, Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, Teresa Lady Rothschild, Lady Elizabeth Cavendish, the Hon Sir Steven Runciman, CH, the Hon David Erskine, the Hon Victoria Rothschild, the Hon Emma Tennant, Sir Stuart Hampshire, Sir Clive Sinclair, Sir Denys and Lady Lasdun, Sir Victor and Lady Pritchett, Sir James Richards, Lady Laidlaw, Mr Harold Pinter and Lady Antonia Fraser.

Mr and Mrs Frank Muir, Miss Victoria Wood, Mr Melvyn Bragg, Mr Alan Campbell-Johnson, Mr Frith Banbury, Miss Rose Tremain, Mr Michael Holroyd, Mr Julian Mitchell, Dr and Mrs D Waley, Mrs M Lofthouse, Mr D Chandler, Mr Charles Pick, Mr Paul Bailey, Mr Oliver Neighbour, Mr Robert Cecil, Mr Charles Regan, Mr Giles Gordon, Professor J B Trapp, Mr Graham C Greene, Professor Richard Shannon, Mr and Mrs Graham Reynolds, Mr John Croft, Mr Charles Monteith, Mr Anthony and Mrs Ann Thwaite, Mr William Cooper, Mr and Mrs Tom Rosenthal, Mr David Hughes, Professor Nicholas Brook, Mr and Mrs J L Wood, Mr Bentley Bridgewater.

Miss Sarah Tyacke (British Library) with Mr M A F Borrie (manuscripts librarian) and Mr Hugh Cobb (music librarian, also representing the Friends of the British Library); Miss Isabel Quigley (Royal Society of Literature), Mr Douglas Matthews (London Library), Mr David Summerscale (head master, Westminster School), Mr Alastair Niven (Arts Council), Miss Caroline Muir (Penguin Books), Mr Mark Le Fanu (Society of Authors), Mr Francis King (PEN), Mr Ronald Harwood (English PEN), Dr Michael Brock and Mr George Webb (Kipling Society), Judge Stephen Tumim (World Literary Fund).

Mr Michael Ratcliffe (*The Observer*), Mr Michael Slater (Dickens Fellowship), Mr James MacGibbon (Suffolk Book League), Mr Tom Rivers and Miss Beth Millward (BBC), Mr Edwin Riddell (Saffron Productions, Anglia TV), Mrs Jean Bowden (Society of Women Writers and Journalists), Mr Norman Page (Nottingham University), Professor Malcolm Bradbury (University of East Anglia) and Mrs Bradbury, Mr John Blackwell and Dr H Wood (British Council).

Mr Maurice Latey
A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Maurice Latey was held yesterday at St Mary-le-Strand, London. The Rev Edward Thompson officiated, assisted by Canon Hugh Wybrew.

Mr John Tusa, Managing Director of the BBC World Service, and Mr William Latey, son, read the lessons. Mr Christopher Greene, Deputy Head of the Somali section of the BBC World Service, read an extract from Maurice Latey's *The Quest for the Bushmen*. Lieutenant-General Sir Ian Jacob, Mr Leonid Finkelstein and Mr Leonard Miall gave addresses.

Mr Jack Steinberg

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Jack Steinberg will be held on Thursday, October 3, at 3.00 pm at the Central Synagogue, Great Portland Street, London, W1. For further information and tickets please telephone Mrs Shirley Farmer, Appeal Office, King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, London, SE5 9RS. Tel: 071 978 8894.

H. de L. Cazenove

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Harry Cazenove will be held at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall on Wednesday, October 23, 1991, at noon.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr Peter Wallis to be British High Commissioner to Malta, in succession to Mr B. Hitch, who will be retiring from the Diplomatic Service.

Luncheons

Diplomatic and Commonwealth Writers Association
The Secretary-General of the Commonwealth was the guest of honour at a luncheon of the Diplomatic and Commonwealth Writers Association of Britain held yesterday at the Travellers' Club. Mr Robert Mauthner, president, was in the chair.

Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers
Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Transport, presented the prizes at the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers' annual prizegiving luncheon held yesterday at the Baltic Exchange. Mr J.G. Davis, president, was in the chair.

Carlton Club
Mr Volker Ruhe, General Secretary of the United Christian Democrat Union of Germany, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Political Committee of the Carlton Club held yesterday at the club.

Company of Chartered Accountants

Mr Richard Wilkes, newly installed Master of the Company of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, gave details yesterday at Chartered Accountants' Hall of the "Chartered Accountants in the Community" initiative to be run in partnership with the Action Resource Centre.

Lecture

Royal College of Radiologists
Dr Thelma Bates deleivered the Knox lecture at the annual scientific meeting of the Royal College of Radiologists held yesterday at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Dublin.

Dinners

Basketmakers' Company
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the annual dinner of the Basketmakers' Company held last night at Guildhall. Mr Geoffrey Rowley, Prime Warden, presided and the Lord Mayor, Sir Christopher Benson and Mr A. Kingsley Brown also spoke. Among others present were:

Sir Harold Hood, Sir Terence Heiser, Sir John Wheeler, MP, Sir Colin Cole, Sir Peter Darby and their ladies.

Marketing Group of Great Britain
Mr Tim Bowles presided over the dinner held last night at the Dorchester Hotel by the Marketing Group of Great Britain. The guest speaker was Sir Bernard Ingham, former Press Secretary to the Right Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher, OM, MP.

Royal College of Radiologists

At the Annual General Meeting of the College, held yesterday at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, the following Officers were elected:

President, Dr J. Q. M C Craig, London; Treasurer, Dr M J Brindle, King's Lynn; Vice-President and Dean of the Faculty of Clinical Oncology, Dr C. H. Paine, Oxford; Dean of the Faculty of Clinical Radiology, Dr S. Field, Canterbury; Warden of the Fellowship and Warden of the Faculty of Clinical Oncology, Dr R. G. B. Evans, Newcastle; Warden of the Faculty of Clinical Radiology, Dr C D R. Flower, Cambridge; Registrar of the College and Registrar of the Faculty of Clinical Radiology, Dr I Watt, Bristol; Registrar of the Faculty of Clinical Oncology, Dr R. D H. Ryall, Southampton; Editor of the Faculty of Clinical Radiology, Professor P. Armstrong, London; Editor of the Faculty of Clinical Oncology, Dr T. Priestman, Wolverhampton

Church news

The Rev Canon Peter Simpson, Vicar, St Martin-in-the-Fields, Finham (Coventry): to retire as from 30 November. The Rev Tony Upton, Vicar, St Lawrence's, Foleshill (Coventry): to retire as from 31 October. The Rev Alan Whittle, Vicar, Christ Church, Mitcham (Southwark): to retire as from 31 January 1992.

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You have the poor among you always, and you can help them whenever you like; but you will not always have me. St. Mark 14:7 REB

BIRTHS

BARRASS-BANKS - On September 9th 1991 to Christopher Barrass and Geraldine Banks, a son, James Christopher.

CAMU - On September 17th, to Melanie (née Worboys) and Adrian, a daughter, Helena Claire.

DOY - On September 23rd, at St John's Hospital, Chelmsford, to Rosemary and Bruce, a daughter, Charlotte, a sister for Giles.

FINCH - On September 22nd, to Catherine (née Laing) and William, a son, Thomas George Hugh.

GLASS - On September 14th, to Lesley (née Branskill) and John, a daughter, Lorna Amelia Jane.

HALL - On Sunday September 22nd 1991, to Julianna (née Szekely) and Neville, a son, Sebastian Alexander, a brother for Charles.

LUKAS - On September 24th, to Julia and Francis, a daughter, Camilla Rose Elizabeth.

MacINNES - On September 18th, to Ellen and Colin, a daughter, Alice Elizabeth Caitlin, a sister for James.

NEWTON - On September 17th 1991, to Sophy and Tom, a sister for Lettice.

O'BRIEN - On September 23rd, to D and Crispin, a son, Miles Alexander Crispin.

TAYLOR-CALDWELL - On September 23rd, to Charlotte and Ian, a son, James (Jamie) William.

TIBBS - On September 9th 1991, to Asha (née Senapati) and Christopher, a son, Frederick Graydon Senapati, a brother for Geoffrey.

WILLS - On September 23rd, to Netta and Richard, a daughter, Charlotte, a sister for Anna.

YOUNG - On September 23rd, to Cecilia (Cee) and Alan, a daughter, Katherine Anne, a sister for Michael and Laura.

MARRIAGES

STEVENTON:SLATER - On Saturday September 14th 1991 at Jesus Chapel, Cambridge, Dr. Nicholas Steventon to Dr. Catherine Slater.

DEATHS

BELLAMY - On September 24th 1991, suddenly and tragically, Peter Franklyn, much loved husband to Jenny and stepfather of Catherine and Robert. The funeral will be held at Nab Wood Crematorium, Shipley, Bradford, West Yorkshire, on Friday September 27th at 3pm. Family flowers only please by request. If wished donations would be appreciated in lieu of flowers to the Vaughan Williams Memorial Library, Cecil Sharp House, 2 Regents Park Road, London NW1 7AY.

BHARGAVA - On September 22nd 1991, in hospital after a brave fight, Satish aged 62 years, of Stockport, Consultant Ophthalmologist at Manchester Royal Eye Hospital. Dearly loved husband of Sandra, father of Jonathan and Sarah-Jane. Enquiries to George Ball & Son, (061) 432-2131.

CARROLL - On September 23rd 1991, Anthony Cornelius. At his home in London. A much loved and respected colleague and friend. A service is to be arranged.

CHRISTY - On September 23rd 1991, very suddenly, Nancy Alice Priscilla, a very loving and much loved wife of Hector Christy, of 37 Waverley Lane, Farnham, Surrey. Cremation shall take place at 2 pm at the Aldershot Crematorium on Wednesday October 2nd. Floral tributes to be sent to H.C. Patrick & Co., 86 East Street, Farnham, Surrey.

KEITH Shirley - see Hammond.

DEATHS

CHRISTEY - On September 24th 1991, peacefully in hospital, Edna, aged 70 years, of Alkrington, Middleton, Manchester, beloved sister of Joan. Service and committal Middleton Crematorium, Monday September 30th at 1.30 pm. No flowers please at her own request but, if desired, donations may be sent for either the Surgical Dept., North Manchester General Hospital or Guide Dogs for the Blind, to S. Wellens and Son, 121 Long Street, Middleton, M24 3DW. tel: 061 643 2677.

COOMBS - On Tuesday September 24th, Dr. G.R.V. (Bobby) at Winchester Hospital. Cremation at Southampton Crematorium on September 27th at 3.15pm. Enquiries to Steels, Winchester. Donations to British Heart Foundation.

DEMPSTER - On Tuesday September 24th 1991, peacefully at home in Edinburgh. The Reverend W.M. (Micky) Dempster, sometime Secretary of The Huts and Canteens Committee of the Church of Scotland and later Minister of The Scots Kirk Paris, dearly loved husband of Helen. Funeral Service at Mortonhall Crematorium, Edinburgh, Pentland Chapel, on Friday September 27th at 2.45 pm, to which all friends are invited. Family flowers only please.

EASTON - On September 24th, peacefully at home, Herbert Aubrey. Loved and loving husband of Marion. Family funeral and no flowers, by his request.

HAMMOND - On September 20th, in Florida, USA, Shirley (née Phillipson), wife of Tom, mother of Nicholas and Jeremy Till, after a long illness.

HARRISON - On September 24th, peacefully at home, Robert (Bob) Ernest. Husband of Gabrielle and father of Tim. Funeral at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Wednesday October 2nd at 2.30. No flowers, but donations please to The Princess Alice Hospice, Esher.

HIRD - On September 20th 1991, in hospital, Robert (Bob), aged 57, freelance television director. Father of Mark and Sarah. Grandfather of Thomas and Angus. Funeral details: A. Vause & Son, tel: 0423 504417.

IDE - On September 15th 1991, in hospital after an illness bravely endured, in USA. Una Riddiford Ide (née Graham), aged 68 years. Dearly loved wife of Leslie Arthur Ide, of Quechee, Vermont, USA. Mother of Michael, Geoffrey and Robert, devoted grandmother of eight and sister of John R. Graham.

KEANE - On September 21st 1991, suddenly at home, Nancy Edwina, aged 70 years. Founder and longtime headmistress of Connaught House School, London W2. Much loved mother of Jacqueline and grandmother to Sam and John. The family funeral service will be at St John's, Hyde Park Crescent, W2, on Monday September 30th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, otherwise donations to the N.S.P.C.C. A Memorial Service will be held for Mrs Keane also at St John's Church, Hyde Park Crescent, on Friday October 18th at 2.30 pm.

MORRISON - On September 24th 1991, suddenly at home in Edinburgh, Maureen Morrison (née Flannigan), beloved wife of the late Michael. Devoted and much loved mother of Ronald and Philip. Service at Mortonhall Crematorium Main Chapel on Saturday September 28th at 11 am to which all friends are invited.

O'NEILL - On September 25th, Elizabeth Margaret, beloved wife of Desmond and sister of Barbara. All enquiries to R. Thorne, 93 High Street, Alton, Hants., tel: Alton 83377.

DEATHS

ROBINSON - On September 24th, peacefully after a short illness. The Honourable Betty Mary, much loved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Service of Thanksgiving at St Andrew's Church, Backwell, near Bristol, at 2.30 pm on Friday October 4th. No flowers please.

ROSE - On September 23rd, peacefully, Betty. Funeral, Laleham Church, Laleham, Tuesday October 1st at 10.30 am. No flowers, but donations to The Princess Alice Hospice, West End Lane, Esher.

TAYLER - On September 24th 1991, in hospital, Martin Seaward, aged 57. Very dear son of Elizabeth and the late Kenneth Tayler and much loved by his sister Caroline Starling and her family. Funeral Service on Wednesday October 2nd at 3.45 pm at Eltham Crematorium, Crown Woods Way, Eltham SE9. Family flowers only but donations, if wished, to the Musicians Benevolent Fund, 16 Ogle Street, London W1P 7LG.

WALKER - On September 24th, Kate, at home, aged 22. Cherished daughter of Sarah and John Walker. Private family funeral at St Mary's, Kelling. A Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be held at 2.30 pm on Saturday October 5th at All Saints Church, Beckingham. No flowers by request. Donations, if wished, to Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust, 5 Blyth Road, Bromley, Kent.

WEBSTER - On September 23rd, peacefully in hospital, Ida (Mike) Webster, wife of the late Tom Webster, cartoonist, beloved mother of Tom, Maureen and Paddy. Funeral Service at 10 am on Tuesday October 1st at St Joseph's Church, Highgate Hill, London N19.

WILLIAMS - On September 23rd, peacefully at Sir Michael Sobell House, Oxford, June, much loved wife of Penry and mother of Sarah and Jonathan. Funeral Service at 2.30 pm on Monday September 30th in New College, Oxford. Burial service at 2 pm on Wednesday October 2nd at Llanigon Church, nr Hay-on-Wye. Family flowers only, but donations may be made to Sir Michael Sobell House or to Llanigon Church Organ Fund.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

COWARD - A Thanksgiving Service for the life and work of Charles Coward will be held at the Church of St Lawrence Jewry, next Guildhall (Gresham Street), London EC2, on Thursday October 24th at 11 am.

FOX-ANDREWS - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Bridget Fox-Andrews will be held at Chelsea Old Church, London, on Thursday October 31st at 5.15 pm.

HUBERT - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Margaret Hubert will be held at Bredon's Norton Church on Monday September 30th at 2.30 pm.

OAKESHOTT - Prof. Michael. A Memorial Service will be held for Prof. Michael Oakeshott, Fellow of Gonville and Caius College and Prof. of Political Science, L.S.E. in Gonville and Caius College Chapel, Cambridge, on Saturday October 19th at 2 pm.

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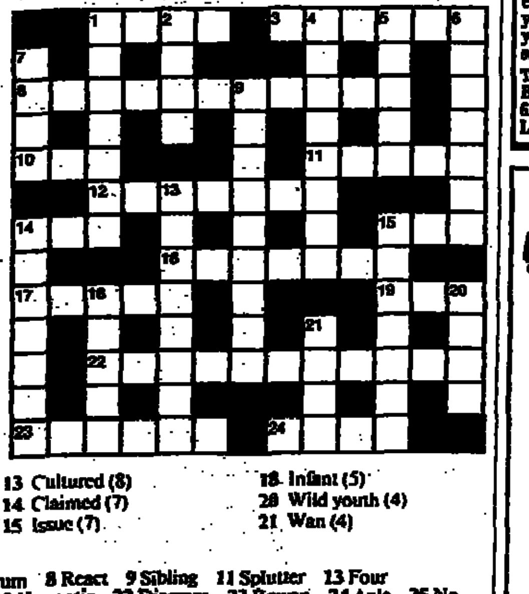

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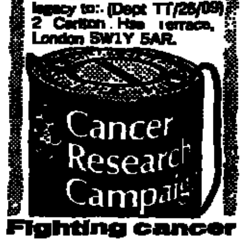

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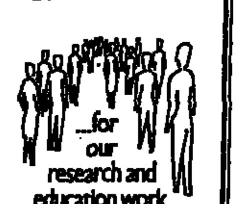

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Dated this 20th day of September 1991.
CE GAWNE-CAIN
LC REID
Executors of the said Deceased
64 Abbots Gardens
East Finchley
London N2 0JH

LEGAL NOTICES

RE: WHITELOAN LIMITED

By Order of the High Court dated the 13th October 1986, Neville Eckley F.C.A. of 322 Brighton Road, South Croydon, has been appointed Liquidator of the above-named Company without a Committee of Inspection.

LEGAL NOTICES

CHURCHILL FINANCE & PROPERTY GROUP LIMITED
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

pursuant to Section 106 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a general meeting of the members of the above company will be held at Bridford House, 11 Gough Square, London EC4A 3DE on 23 October 1991 at 10.00 am to be followed at 10.30 am by a meeting of the creditors for the purpose of receiving an account of the liquidator's acts and dealings and the conduct of the winding up of the company to date

Dated this 20th day of September 1991
L J BAEHR
Liquidator

CHURCHILL MERCHANTING LIMITED
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

pursuant to Section 106 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a general meeting of the members of the above company will be held at Bridford House, 11 Gough Square, London EC4A 3DE on 23 October 1991 at 11.00 am to be followed at 11.30am by a meeting of the creditors for the purpose of receiving an account of the Liquidator's acts and dealings and the conduct of the winding up of the company to date.

Dated this 20th day of September 1991
L J BAEHR
Liquidator

IN THE MATTER OF HENDERSON & PEARSON (ENTERPRISES) LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 20th day of November 1991 to send in their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any) to the undersigned SURJIT KUMAR SINGLA, FCA of SINGLA & COMPANY, Chartered Accountants, 49 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4N 4SA, the Liquidator of the said company, and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are personally or by their solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

DATED this 20th day of September 1991
S K SINGLA, Liquidator

Note: The above Notice is purely formal as all known creditors have been or will be paid in full.

IN THE MATTER OF M P MECHANICAL SERVICES LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the Creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 19th day of November 1991 to send in their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any) to the undersigned SURJIT KUMAR SINGLA, FCA of SINGLA & COMPANY, Chartered Accountants, 49 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4N 4SA, the Liquidator of the said company, and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are personally or by their solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

DATED this 19th day of September 1991
S K SINGLA, Liquidator

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES
PROBATE DIVISION

After 14 days from publication of this notice an application for probate of the Will dated 8th May 1980 of JOHN CARO CARAPIET late of London, United Kingdom deceased will be made by STEPHEN ALLAN CREET Executor named in the said Will.

Creditors are required to send particulars of their claims upon his estate to

Allan D Farrar, c/o Messrs While Barnes & McGuire, Solicitors, 99 Elizabeth Street, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia. Telephone: 238 0044 DX 466, Sydney.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
PURSUANT TO SECTION 46(1)(a) OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 AND RULE 3.2 OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RE: COSMETIQUE VIGDOR (LONDRES) LIMITED
Registered Number: 1200827
WHICH TRADED UNDER THE NAME OF: COSMETIQUE VIGDOR (LONDRES) LIMITED
Nature of Business: MANUFACTURE OF PEFUMERIES
Trade Classification: 05

NOTICE is hereby given that we, Ladislav Hornan and Frank Stanall of Hacker Young and Partners, St Alphage House, 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5DH were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of Cosmetique Vigdor (Londres) Limited on 11th September 1991 by National Westminster Bank Plc under the powers contained in a debenture dated 6th October 1991 whereby fixed and floating charges were created over all the assets of the company.

Assets of the company of which the person appointed is not made receiver: None.

Dated: 18th September 1991
LADISLAV HORNAN

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
Monarch Tyres Limited

Registered number: 723843. Former company name: BTS Monarch Limited. Trading name: Monarch Tyres Limited. Nature of business: Manufacture and supply of remould tyres. Trade classification: 11. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 18 September 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: BTS Group plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Malcolm Cohen and Anthony Peter Supperstone (office holder nos: 6826/01 and 2705/02. Address: Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA.

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
BRUHEN LIMITED

Registered No: 1213406. Trading Name: The Hillgate Hotel. Nature of Business: Hoteliers. Trade Classification: 47. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers, 19th September 1991. Name of Person Appointing the Administrative Receivers: Dunbar Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: AR Bloom and SJL Adamson (Office Holder Nos: 6462 and 1072. Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU.

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
Friendlycare Plc

Registered number: 2350683. Trading name: Hothfield Nursing Home. Nature of business: Residential Nursing Home. Trade classification: 47. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 16 September 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: P R Copp and R Hocking (office holder nos: 1788 and 2322. Address: Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
Hayes Securities Limited
- In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation -

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I, Malcolm Cohen, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, and Scott Barnes, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of Grant Thornton, Grant Thornton House, Melton Street, Euston Square, London NW1 2EP were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above named company on 11 September 1991. All debts should be sent to me at Stoy Hayward. All claims should be sent to S Barnes at Grant Thornton.

All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to Mr S Barnes. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.

Dated: 16 September 1991
Malcolm Cohen
Joint Liquidator

The Insolvency Act 1986
No 867 of 1991
In The High Court of Justice
In Bankruptcy
Stephen Day, occupation unknown carrying on business at 64 St Mark's Road, Enfield, Middlesex, EN1 1BB and carrying on business as Electroheat

I, Malcolm Cohen, Accountant of Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA give notice that I was appointed trustee in bankruptcy of the above-named on 12 August 1991. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.

All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts, writing to me for a claim form. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.

Dated this 16 day of September 1991
M Cohen
Trustee

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
Ultra Tan International Limited
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I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I, Malcolm Cohen, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 19 September 1991; All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.

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SEPT 26 **ON THIS DAY** 1919

This appreciation of three men who dominated golf for years — Harry Vardon (1870-1937), James Braid (1870-1950) and J.H. Taylor (1871-1963) — was written by Bernard Darwin.

A REPLY TO PESSIMISM

Vardon, Braid and Taylor have accepted their failure to qualify for next week's *News of the World* Tournament with the tranquil courage and patience to be expected of them. Many of those who are inclined to grow morbid or hysterical over their temporary set-back might well imitate them. At the same time, if it is easy to exaggerate the significance of their failure, it is an event that cannot be disregarded. Time is dormy on all of us, and so he is doubtless dormy on the Triumvirate; he must win in the end, but they will surely carry the match a good many holes nearer home yet.

It is the simultaneous downfall of the three which has come as such a shock; that one of them should have failed would have been no new thing. Taylor has failed to qualify for this tournament once before and Braid, who has won it twice as often as Taylor and four times as often as any other man, has failed twice. That to be sure was when to qualify was more difficult. The number of qualifiers has now been doubled, and it was generally felt that this would ensure the safety of all the three even though the struggle to survive is in the Southern section terribly keen.

One thing must be admitted - that the three are not for the moment quite so good as they were; and another may be guessed — that they never will be so good again. But this last is at present no more than a guess. They have all been through bad times before and have emerged triumphant. It is likely enough that never again will all three jostle one another at the head of the list, but they will all give us sparkling flashes of their old form. And suppose they dovetail their fits of brilliancy with something of that devilish luck or ingenuity that is often shown by partners in a best ball match, then there are still some bad times ahead of all the other players.

There are two other observations that should be made. First, no one who has seen the three men play will accuse them of decrepitude. Old age has certainly laid a very gentle hand on their long game. Braid and Vardon temporarily cannot putt, but nobody has yet asserted that a man is too old to putt at 49, and we have long grown accustomed to Vardon missing short putts; we make a regular allowance for it in estimating his chances. As to Taylor, he is reported to have attributed his downfall at Sonning to the fact that he used to be able to "bang the ball up the hole" and make it stop, whereas the present small-heavy ball makes this impossible. But the most temperamentally interesting of all the champions is rathr given to *obiter dicta* of this sort. They must not, I venture to think, be taken too literally or seriously. If this truly great player were given a lawn tennis ball to approach with he would shake his head at it, and for several rounds would insist on treating it as if it were a golf ball, to his great detriment. But once he reconciled himself to the fact that it really was a lawn tennis ball, and must be treated accordingly, he would put it nearer the hole than any other golfer.

This, then, is one point, that the great three have not fallen off, as far as one can see, from any weakness natural to increasing years. And a second is this, that in the competition where they failed, Sandy Herd came out at the top of the list. He is fully two years older than any of them, and what Herd can do to-day, Vardon or Braid or Taylor can surely do tomorrow.

Meanwhile, if we take a sanely hopeful view of the Triumvirate's prospects, we may feel very sure that they will be playing some fine golf next spring.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

◆ **FX2: THE DEADLY ART OF ILLUSION** (15): Mindless, overcrowded sequel to the 1986 thriller about a crime-fighting special effects wizard (Bryan Brown). Stars Brian Dennehy; director, Richard Franklin.
Cannons: Haymarket (071-839 1527) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666).

GET BACK (PG): Docile record of Paul McCartney's 1989-90 world tour. Director, Richard Lester.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Panton Street (071-930 0631).

◆ **LIFE STINKS** (12): Mel Brooks among Los Angeles derelicts; uncertain episodic comedy with amusing flashes. With Lesley Ann Warren.
Odeon Haymarket (071-839 7697).

STEPPING OUT (PG): Lewis Gilbert's warm, spirited version of Richard Harris's play about would-be hoofers, with Julie Walters, Shelley Winters, and a Liza Minnelli star turn.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

◆ **TEEN AGENT** (PG): Increasingly inane spy spoof starring TV pin-up Richard Grieco — a high-school student mistaken for a CIA operative in France. With Roger Rees, Linda Hunt.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

TRUST (15): Rewarding astringent comedy about small-town American domesticity from rising director Hal Hartley. Deadpan performances from Adrienne Shelly and Martin Donovan.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Metro (071-437 0757).

CURRENT

◆ **CLOSE MY EYES** (18): Sexual games between brother and sister one long hot London summer, vividly portrayed by writer-director Stephen Poliakoff and an excellent cast (Saskia Reeves, Clive Owen, Alan Rickman).
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742/3743).

JUNGLE FEVER (18): Surly, overloaded Spike Lee film about inter-racial relationships, with striking moments among the turmoil. Starring Wesley Snipes, Annabella Sciorra.
Cannon Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

◆ **THE NAKED GUN 2½ — THE SMELL OF FEAR** (12): Leslie Nielsen returns as accident-prone Lt Frank Drebin. Riotous dead-pan comedy. With Priscilla Presley; Directed by David Zucker.
Cannon Baker Street (071-935 9772) Empire (071-497 9999).

◆ **ONLY THE LONELY** (12): John Candy as a bachelor cop finding love and trying to escape his mother's apron strings. Likeable romantic comedy from *Home Alone* director Chris Columbus, with Maureen O'Hara.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

PARIS TROUT (18): Dennis Hopper's redneck Southern racist stands accused of murder. Powerful, atmospheric drama from Pete Dexter's novel. With Barbara Hershey, Ed Harris; director, Stephen Gyllenhaal.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

◆ **PROSPERO'S BOOKS** (15): Peter Greenaway's variation on *The Tempest*, with John Gielgud's Prospero stalking Shakespeare's text through a jungle of eye-popping images. Brilliant but exhausting.
Gate (071-727 4043) Lumière (071-836 0691) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

◆ **REGARDING HENRY** (12): Master of the Universe turns nice guy after suffering brain damage in a robbery. Skilful blend of the poignant and humorous from director Mike Nichols. Starring Harrison Ford, Annette Bening.
Barbican (071-638 8891) Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

◆ **TERMINATOR 2: JUDGMENT DAY** (15): Good robot Arnold Schwarzenegger battles bad robot Robert Patrick. A fine showpiece for special effects, but the humans get short shrift. Director, James Cameron; with Linda Hamilton.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Panton Street (071-930 0631) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Prince Charles (071-437 8181) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

TRULY, MADLY, DEEPLY (PG): Grieving Juliet Stevenson wills her late boyfriend (Alan Rickman) back to life. Endearingly humane drama; a directing debut for playwright Anthony Minghella.
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

WEEKEND (18): Godard's famous 1967 assault on capitalist society, full of snarled traffic, savage humour and revolutionary harangues. Exhilarating, then maddening.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
▨ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ **BOLD GIRLS**: Imelda Staunton and a fine company in Rona Munro's perceptive look at women's lives in west Belfast.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 100mins.

☐ **THE COUP**: Norman Beaton as a deposed president in Mustapha Matura's quirky study of Trinidad politics.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 145mins.

☐ **DANCING AT LUGHNASA**: New cast takes over in Brian Friel's Olivier memory-play set in 1930s Donegal.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

■ **HEDDA GABLER**: Fiona Shaw outstanding as Ibsen's spirited, doomed heroine in powerful Dublin Abbey Theatre production.
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, London WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 210mins.

☐ **GOOD GOLLY MISS MOLLY**: Cheerful trip through Fifties and Sixties hits: flimsy plot but no matter.
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-836 2132). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.45pm and 8.20pm. 120mins.

☐ **HIPPOLYTOS**: Muted Janet Suzman in otherwise vivid Euripides puzzle-play about sexual desire.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 100mins.

■ **JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT**: Jason Donovan sports a golden wig for this gaudy, brash revival.
Palladium, Argyll Street, W1 (071-494 5037). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 135mins.

☐ **THE KNICKERS**: Carl Sternheim's deliriously funny comedy on sex and snobbery; well staged.
Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

☐ **LONG DAY'S JOURNEY INTO NIGHT**: Timothy West, Prunella Scales in sound production of O'Neill's masterpiece of family guilt. Final performances.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.15pm. 200mins.

☐ **OUR TOWN**: Under-powered production of Thornton Wilder's play on small-town America.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 135mins.

☐ **THE PHILANTHROPIST**: Captivating performance by Edward Fox in Christopher Hampton's comedy.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

▨ **THREE BIRDS ALIGHTING ON A FIELD**: Excellent Timberlake Wertenbaker play on the good in life and art: Harriet Walter leads a choice cast.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 205mins.

☐ **THUNDERBIRDS F.A.B. — THE NEXT GENERATION**: The cult stage version of cult television show, recently at the Mermaid Theatre, reopens in the West End.
Ambassadors, West Street, London WC2 (071-836 6111). Mon-Fri, 8.30pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm. 140mins.

▨ **A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS**: Lively parade of tuneful oldies. Good fun.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri, Sat, 6.15pm and 9pm. 120mins.

☐ **WHEN SHE DANCED**: Vanessa Redgrave unforgettable in Sherman's artful play about Isadora Duncan and the hazards of communication.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 135mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ☐ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317). . . ▨ Carmen Jones: Old Vic (071-928 7616) ▨ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) ☐ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045). . . ▨ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . . ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) . . . ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) ☐ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) . . . ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-494 5075) . . . ▨ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☐ The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

Ticket information supplied by Society of West End Theatre

TODAY'S EVENTS

A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE: The Royal Shakespeare Company is turning to Oscar Wilde for the first time in its history, with a new production of Wilde's society comedy *A Woman of No Importance*, directed and designed by Glasgow Citizens director Philip Prowse who makes his directorial debut with the company. A choice cast includes John Carlisle as Lord Illingworth, Nichola McAuliffe as Mrs Allonby, with Carol Royle playing Mrs Arbuthnot. Previews begin tonight and the production will open next Wednesday.
Barbican Theatre, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), 7.30pm.

KABUKI HAMLET: Enchanting and sumptuous staging of Shakespeare's play by the Tokyo Globe Company set against high screens painted with a landscape of billowy mountains and wind-bowed reeds. In true Kabuki tradition, the character roles are all acted by men, with an exceptional show of talent from 18-year-old Somegoro Ichikawa playing Hamlet, Ophelia and Fortinbras.
Mermaid Theatre, Puddle Dock, London EC4 (071-410 0000), 7.30pm.

RAMBERT DANCE COMPANY: One of the unlikeliest dance venues, Billingsgate fish market will be used by the Rambert Dance Company for its charity show tonight featuring Richard Alston's *Roughcut*, "scaled up" for the location. Billingsgate has been refurbished by architect Richard Rogers into "one of London's most unusual spaces". This one-off performance is in aid of the Frederick Ashton Memorial Commission and Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for the Disabled. A unique event, but tickets are £75 each.
Old Fish Market, Billingsgate, Lower Thames Street, London EC3 (Booking: 0372 842204), 6.15pm start, performance 7.15pm.

LONDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: The orchestra offers what should be a winning combination of German talent, veteran and rising. Klaus Tennstedt conducts a programme which includes Beethoven's "Eroica" Symphony and Mahler's orchestral song cycle, *Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen*. The soloist in the latter is the baritone Olaf Baer, who has developed from being an outstanding Lieder singer into much larger scale operatic and concert roles.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm.

SOHO JAZZ FESTIVAL: Now in its sixth year, the festival usually showcases up-and-coming new talent, brings big names over from the United States, and offers a diverse range of jazz styles. Artists this year include trumpeter Art Farmer, veteran pianist Romano Mussolini, and Bob Wilber with the Bekova Sisters. Also, showings of rare jazz films from the 1950s at Regent's Park Hotel, and a "Poetry Meets Jazz" festival within a festival at the Trocadero.
Soho Jazz Festival (information 071-434 3995), until October 6.

THE PRETENDERS: Award-winning young playwright Chris Hannan has adapted Ibsen's political drama *The Pretenders* for the Royal Shakespeare Company in a new production directed by Danny Boyle (his *Last Days of Don Juan* transferred from Stratford earlier this year). David Calder returns to the RSC to play Earl Skule, struggling against the young pretender Haakon (played by Paterson Joseph) for the Norwegian crown. Previews begin tonight and the production opens next Tuesday.
The Pit, Barbican Theatre, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), 7.30pm.

BILLY BUDD: Tim Albery's production of Britten's opera is dazzlingly revived by English National Opera. Peter Coleman-Wright, new to the title role, makes a formidable Billy Budd, effectively conveying the rashness of his innocence and the quickness of his temper. David Wilson-Johnson, Clive Bayley and Paul Napier-Burrows are a strong triangle of officers, and Philip Langridge returns to the role of Captain Vere, sung with lacerating insight. David Atherton conducts. Not to be missed.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), 7.30pm.

WELSH NATIONAL OPERA: Helmut Polixa's production of Johann Strauss's *Die Fledermaus* is revived by the company and receives its first performance tonight, under the baton of Marco Guidarini. Peter Savidge will not be singing the role of Eisenstein at the Cardiff performances and is replaced by Christopher Goldsack. The cast includes up-and-coming soprano Linda Kitchen.
New Theatre, Park Place, Cardiff (0222 394844), 7.15pm.

An insult in any language

MUSICAL

Jesus Christ Superstar
Dominion

SEEING this ghastly show once, in English, was bad enough. But here it is again, only 20 years later, in Japanese; banal and garish as ever; an insult to the intelligence.

The production comes to us by courtesy of the Shiki Theatrical Company of Tokyo, established close on 40 years ago by a group keen to restage Western theatre for Japanese audiences. Anouilh and Giraudoux were their first authors. The company has travelled a distance since then.

We are told that two Shiki versions of this musical exist: in this one, known as the Kabuki-style one, the actors wear white make-up . . . and that seems about the extent of the connection, along with some picturesque tableaux using staves, and King Herod performed by a man acting a woman playing a man.

The story has been "freed from Christian preconceptions" for an audience naturally unfamiliar with the original. But my recollection is that the 1972 story had departed some way from most preconceptions, concentrating on Judas's disappointment with the Jesus he loves, wanting more rebellion, man, and less of the healing the sick routine. What was so wretched was the cheating that gave us a central character notably unlike the original while inviting us to regard him as though he were just the same.

Exactly what the Shiki Judas feels for Superstar I cannot say. He is clearly angry and the actor, Jun Sawaki, looks rather like our own Trevor Nunn, whose photo conveniently appears in the programme for ready comparison. Being the aggressive type he tends to stand with his legs apart; Jesus usually keeps his modestly together. The really aggressive characters almost do the splits.

Jesus and his entourage favour trousers in relatively good repair but go in for artistically ragged shirts. Pilate and the other big-wigs are the only ones wearing something like Kabuki kit, while Annas and Caiaphas come wrapped in golden belts so thick that they appear to have taken the first steps into death by boa constrictor.

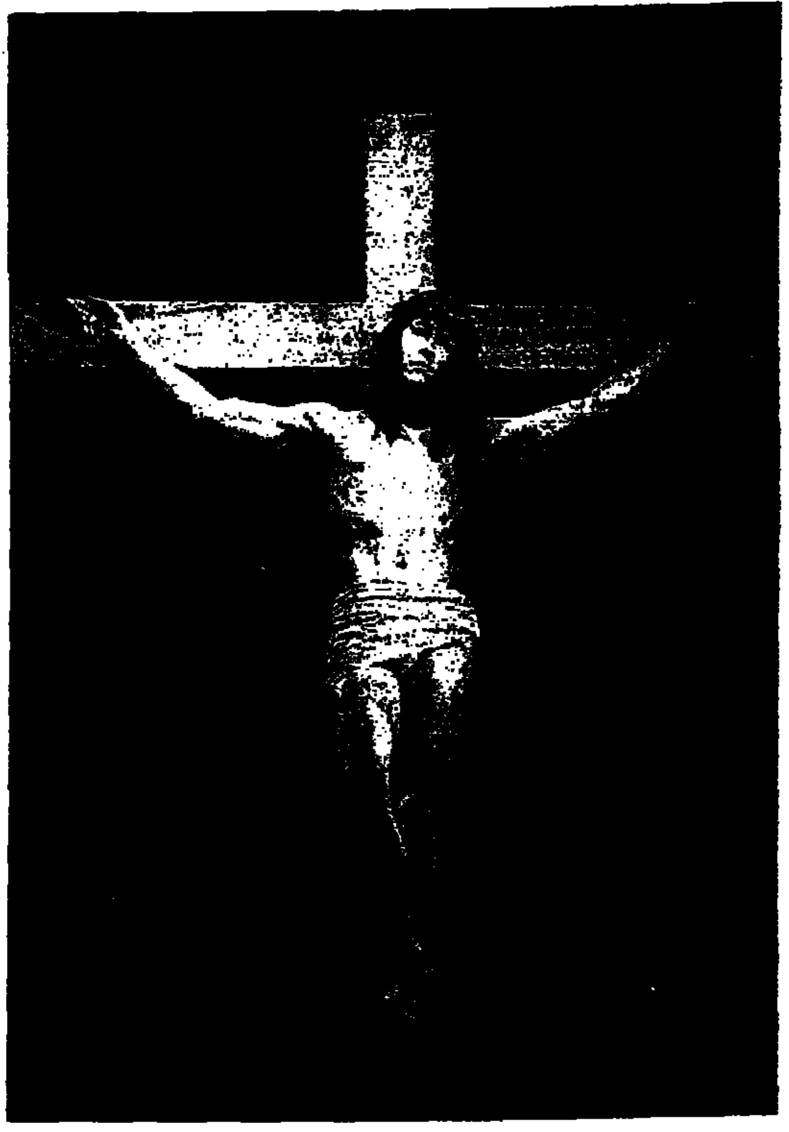
The marshalling of 30 figures about the stage has its moments of distinction. A mob of moneychangers crowd around Jesus, enveloping him in a whirlpool of movement. A mass of people grouped to one side of the stage — apostles, for example, seated on a wagon — are balanced against a couple or a single figure on the opposite side. This is a familiar tableau, going all the way back to Fritz Lang and the Expressionist cinema — but they picked it up from Japanese prints.

Yuichiro Yamaguchi makes a wistful Superstar, which is about the only emotion the role demands; none the less, I missed the intensity of emotion a real Kabuki player can convey. A note in the programme reads, "This show is played live". I suppose this also means the singing, though it is hard to decide that nowadays unless the singers are only a few inches away. Yamaguchi voice delivers what is required: quarrelsome mutters, deep-voiced reproach piercing high notes.

The ensemble is energetic; the general effect appalling. The responsibility for this belongs to Rice and Lloyd Webber rather than the Shiki. Insults to the intelligence are an irritation but insults to the emotions are repulsive.

JEREMY KINGSTON

DONALD COOPER



Star-crossed: Yuichiro Yamaguchi, a wistful Superstar

DANCE

Don Quixote
Grand, Wolverhampton

TOO FEW ballet directors return to revive a production that was only partly successful: the more usual reaction is to brazen it out or drop it altogether. Credit, then, to Christopher Gable for a second attempt, and a much more successful one, at *Don Quixote*, which three years ago was his first big production for Northern Ballet Theatre on becoming artistic director.

This time, after last year's successful procedure for *Romeo and Juliet*, he has brought in a guest choreographer, Michel Rahn, to provide vigorously sweeping new dances where needed, while Gable takes care of the dramatic action like the director of a play. A third member of the team, Nanette Glushak as guest teacher, has sharpened the dancers' techniques.

Gable has retained his drastic reshaping of the plot, dividing the rambling story into three separate episodes. It provides more leading roles but shorter ones. Only the Don and Sancho get any chance to develop a character; chances were taken respectively, with affecting pride by Paul Lewis and with dogged ebullience by Jeremy Kerridge.

In the first scene, Kitri's foppish suitor, Gambacchio (Peter Parker) becomes a more dignified character, although with sly touches of caricature. You could almost believe that Kitri, played with spirit by Vinciane Ghyssens, might accept the mother's order to marry him — which provokes William Walker's sparky Basiliou to show off with an added solo (to music borrowed from *Paquita*).

The second act is the most changed, including Don Quixote's dream of himself, dressed like a medieval knight, dancing an adagio with several apparitions of Dulcinea (another musical borrowing, from *Raymonda*). Gable keeps his former inventions of the bearded ladies and the "flying horse" in the third act before giving up entirely on narrative coherence and introducing a passing matador and his lady to dance the famous pas de deux. Luckily Pablo Savoye — newly joined from English National Ballet — and Lorena Vidal make up in dash what their roles lack in relevance.

Tim Goodchild's designs, with some welcome second thoughts for the visions, are in good estate. Francis Rainey conducted the hotchpotch score with consistent exuberance.

JOHN PERCIVAL

CONCERT

Czech PO/Belohlávek
Barbican

THOSE brought up on the Czech Philharmonic's dazzling recordings of the Dvořák symphonies under the great Vaclav Talich may have been disappointed in recent years by the orchestra's British visits directed by lesser talents. The flawed ensemble one heard simply failed to match the awesome reputation that preceded it.

Now the pride, the passion and the professionalism have been rekindled. This week at the Barbican the Czechs are giving a three-concert Dvořák series, a fitting 150th-anniversary tribute from an orchestra whose first concert was conducted by Dvořák. The quality of the playing is exhilarating. Here is a remarkably direct sense of communication: an openness, generosity, warmth and humanity.

That is not to say that the players are without guile. The scintillating scurry through the final bars of the Sixth Symphony, or the superbly controlled build-up to the Adagio's purple patch attested to the orchestra's technical prowess. But this ensemble predominantly radiates a feeling of unforced naturalness. Its sound, from piccolo to double basses, is formidably strong yet uniformly sweet-toned; it captures perfectly the essential sanity of Dvořák's music.

Moreover in Jiří Belohlávek, who was in charge of the first two concerts (Libor Pesek conducts tomorrow), the Czechs have a principal conductor who epitomises and reinforces their characteristics. His bold, clear-cut gestures and unsentimental approach serve to channel the music's passion, not tame it. Without exaggerating the dramatic flourishes, he made a case for the *Othello* overture to be regarded as one of the 19th century's finest Shakespeare-inspired pieces.

In more familiar territory, Lynn Harrell was the soloist for the Cello Concerto. Initially he exuded his usual sense of muscular involvement to the detriment of the music's wistfulness. But the slow movement was beautifully played and the final pages, with the cello and a solo violin in ecstatic duet, were affectingly delivered.

RICHARD MORRISON

CONCERT

CBSO/Rattle
Symphony Hall, Birmingham

"I WANT to cross over into campground," sings the choir, to the spiritual's words at the end of Tippett's *A Child of Our Time*. But the CBSO forces on Tuesday must have felt they had already got there: here they were in their own campground of Symphony Hall, where, with the canopy raised and the doors open on to the reverberating space behind the platform, the sound was marvellously fresh and full. The noise of soloists, chorus and orchestra caught up together in the strong wave of spiritual harmony had a vital extra flourish and clarity, and the clarity also brought a closeness and an intensification of the quieter moments, where two or three woodwinds unfold a meditative counterpoint, or where violins sustain a pianissimo that here was stretched so fine it could have been the echo of a high bell.

Tippett, who was present and exuberantly acclaimed, must have been pleased, especially when he is going to be conducting the same chorus and orchestra, in the same place, for a recording next month. His soloists, though, will be different. Simon Rattle's team included Florence Quivar as the soul of steady hope and Roberta Alexander, a bit wild but dancingly free and bright in her descants to the big choruses. Robert Tear set the moral tone with a becoming straightforwardness: Benjamin Luxon as the narrating bass seemed moved more by the tediousness of faulty humanity than by the immediacy of the drama.

Earlier, in a night made to put the CBSO brass on exultant display, there had come a ringing performance of the Janáček Sinfonietta, marked again by the almost palpable nearness of quiet things as much as by the loud heraldry of nine standing trumpeters to open and close, and marked too by Rattle's winning amplification to the limits of expressiveness, punch, tang and virtuosity.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

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JACKROLLER
(c) A member of a criminal gang in Soweto, recent slang, origin disputed: "Though there are many gangs in Soweto, each with their own name, jackrollers refers to all gangsters. Each gang appears to control a specific area and specialises in certain crimes."

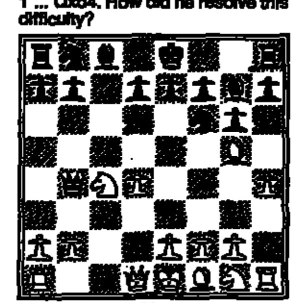
ZUCCHETTO
(c) The skullcap of a Roman ecclesiastic, differing in colour according to rank, incorrect form for the Italian *zucchetta*: "They should take off their zucchettos in the act of genuflecting."

DISS
(a) The Algerian name for a Mediterranean grass, *Ampelodesma (Arundo) tenax*, the fibrous stems of which are used for making cordage, from the Arabic *dis*: "On merchandise excluding esparto, alfa, diss."

SMAIK
(b) A low, mean or contemptible fellow, a rascal, rogue, perhaps adapted from MDu *smeiken* to flatter: "He was nane o' the smaiks that had been on their quarters on the moss."

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Hodgson — Norwood, British Championship, Eastbourne 1991. White is in check and his knight is threatened. If he plays 1 Nd2, then he loses a vital pawn after 1 ... Qxd4. How did he resolve this difficulty?



Solution: 1 Bd2! Qxd4 (black should retreat with 1 ... Qb5, but after 2 e4 he has a terrible position) 2 Rc1 and if the queen moves then 3 Rxc8+

ENTERTAINMENTS

ART GALLERIES

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CINEMAS

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 071 465 8865 Marcello Mastroianni in EVERYBODY'S FINE (STANNO TUTTI BENE) (12) Progs at 12.30 (not Sun), 3.08 5.50 & 8.25 Last Week. From Fri RHAPSODY IN AUGUST (U)

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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax 6.30 Breakfast News
9.05 Perfect Strangers. American comedy series **9.30 Countrymen.** A profile of Denis McCarten, a Lake District water bailiff (r)
10.00 News, regional news and weather **10.05 Playdays** (r) **10.25 Bump** (r) **10.35 Major Dad.** More American comedy (r)
11.00 News, regional news and weather **11.05 Our House.** American domestic comedy series (r) **11.55 Reviving Antiques.** John FitzMaurice Mills on how to clean an ivory and teak tray
12.00 News, regional news and weather **12.05 African Odyssey.** The story of American conservationists Mark and Delia Owens who were forced out of Botswana after alerting international agencies to an accelerating decline in the country's wild animal population **12.55** Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News followed by weather
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) **1.50 Four Square.** Quiz
2.15 Film: Mr Lucky (1943, b/w) starring Cary Grant, Laraine Day, Charles Bickford and Gladys Cooper. Comedy crime caper about a gambler who hopes to evade second world war service by taking the identity of dead betting man, at the same time trying to raise funds to refit his gaming ship by milking a charity run by a millionairess. Directed, breezily, by H.C. Potter
3.50 Spider. The first of a new animated series about a boy's adventures with an anarchic arachnid **4.00 Brum.** Toyah Willcox narrates a new series of adventures of a small car that lives in a motor museum **4.10 Get Your Own Back.** Dave Benson Phillips with the first of a new series in which young people have the chance to turn the tables on an assortment of adults (s) **4.25 New Adventures of Might Mouse.** Cartoon (r) **4.35 Alfonso Bonzo.** The final part of the children's comedy drama (r) (s)
5.00 Newsround 5.10 Blue Peter. (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Chris Lowe. Weather
6.30 Regional News magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by Gary Davies (s)

Engaging roles: Letitia Dean and Ross Kemp (7.30pm)

7.30 EastEnders.
● CHOICE: What's that you were thinking about the apparent reluctance of anyone on *The Times*, other than our listings experts, to draw attention to the fact that not only is this already venerable soap-opera still running, but running very strongly indeed? Some omissions don't deserve to be rectified. This one does, especially because the repercussions of the recent murder of Eddie, the charmless licensee of the Queen Vic, are bringing out the best in Susan Boyd's and Lisa Evans's and Tony Jordan's scriptwriting, as well as giving those of the cast who are touched by the murder investigation (particularly Letitia Dean's Sharon and Ross Kemp's Grant) heaven-sent opportunities to prove that, role for role, *EastEnders* is starting to pull ahead of *Coronation Street* when it comes to dedicated characterisation of the three-dimensional kind. (Ceefax)
8.00 'Allo 'Allo! René and Edith have fled to England disguised as monks and receive medals from Winston Churchill (r). (Ceefax)
8.30 Waiting for God. Michael Aitkens's comedy starring Stephanie Cole and Graham Crowden as eccentric residents of a retirement home. (Ceefax) (s)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather
9.30 Smith and Jones. Continuing the series of comedy highlights from Mel's and Griff's last series. (Ceefax)
10.00 Question Time introduced by Peter Sissons from Aston university, Birmingham. This week's panel is John Banham of the CBI, CND's Marjorie Thompson and MPs Marjorie Mowlam and Malcolm Rifkind
11.00 Capital News. Worthy drama series set in the offices of a Washington newspaper, starring Lloyd Bridges
11.45 Weather. Ends at **11.50**
1.15am RCN Nursing Update. An opportunity for nurses, midwives and health visitors to record material from the Royal College of Nursing on *Understanding Quality* and *Asthma Explained*. Ends at **2.15**
NB (s) indicates stereo

BBC 2

6.45 Open University: The Structure of Liquids. Ends at **7.10**
8.00 News
8.15 The Travel Show UK Mini Guides. Some of the things the Windermere district has to offer holidaymakers **8.20 English Journey.** Novelist and playwright Beryl Bainbridge explores her native Liverpool (r)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes
2.00 News and weather followed by **You and Me** (r)
2.15 Racing from Ascot. Julian Wilson introduces live coverage of the Hoover Stakes (2.30); the Hoover Cumberland Lodge Stakes (3.05); the Blue Seal Stake (3.40); and the Gordon Carter Stakes (4.10). The commentators are Peter O'Sullevan, Jimmy Lindley and John Hanmer. Includes **news** and weather at **3.00** and **3.50**
4.25 Film: Separate Tables (1958, b/w) starring David Niven and Wendy Hiller, who both won Oscars for their performances. Burt Lancaster, Deborah Kerr and Rita Hayworth. Emotional drama set in a genteel Bournemouth residential hotel, based on two one-act plays by Terence Rattigan, involving an army officer with a dubious past and an alcoholic writer and the neurotic former wife he tried to murder. Directed by Delbert Mann
6.00 Film: The Good Guys and the Bad Guys (1969) starring Robert Mitchum, George Kennedy, David Carradine and Lois Nettleton. Entertaining western with Mitchum as an ageing sheriff who teams up with an old foe to help thwart a train robbery planned by a gang of young turks. Directed by Burt Kennedy
7.30 Business Matters: The Art of Conflict. This last in the series examines the radical approach to business advocated by American lecturer Richard Pascale who believes the art of conflict is the key to business survival in the 1990s
8.00 A Taste of Japan. The second of six programmes on Japanese cuisine looks at grilled and fried dishes
8.30 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson tests Mazda's new MX-3; Chris Goffey examines problems some viewers have encountered with new cars; and Tony Mason finds out how the drivers coped in this year's Pirelli classic marathon
9.00 The Travel Show. This last programme recaps the best and the worst of places visited in the series. Plus a guide to Ironbridge, near Wrekin

Slump of an American president: Lyndon Johnson (9.30pm)

9.30 LBJ.
● CHOICE: At times, the fourth and final film in *Timewatch's* brilliantly edited life of Lyndon Johnson is almost too painful to watch. The historians have come to other conclusions, but from the strictly human point of view, it matters little whether the bloody failure of Johnson's Vietnam policies was more the result of his own self-deception than of the misguided backing of his team of so-called Wise Men. The plain truth is that in *The Last Believer*, a giant is doomed to fall before our very eyes, and great is to be the fall thereof. Rarely in American presidential history can so many black-and-white photographs have been taken of the nation's first citizen with body so slumped and head so deeply buried in hands. By comparison, the bleak pictures of the disgraced Nixon were a pictorial record of a man in the throes of ecstatic triumph
10.20 Voices From the Doll's House: Sybil the Girl Guide. Sybil Canadine recalls the first days of the Girl Guides movement (r)
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman
11.15 The Late Show. Jeremy Isaacs comes "face to face" with award-winning actress Vanessa Redgrave (s)
11.55 Weathger
NB (s) indicates stereo

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Runway. Quiz show with holidays as prizes, hosted by Richard Madeley **9.55 Thames News** and weather
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . A topical discussion chaired by John Stapleton
10.40 This Morning. Family magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes items on herbs, family health, arts and antiques. With national and international news at **10.55** and regional news at **11.55** followed by national weather
12.10 The Riddlers. Puppet series for the young
12.30 News with John Suchet Weather **1.10 Thames News** and weather
1.20 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial (Oracle) **1.50 A Country Practice.** Medical drama serial set in the Australian outback (s)
2.20 TV Weekly. Anne Diamond goes behind the scenes of popular ITV and Channel 4 programmes and talks to the stars. Barry Took delves into the archives to rekindle memories of favourites from the past **2.50 Give Us a Clue.** Celebrity charades chaired by Michael Parkinson (s)
3.15 ITN News headlines **3.20 Thames News** headlines **3.25 The Young Doctors.** Medical drama serial set in a large Australian city hospital
3.55 Rolf's Cartoon Club. Rolf Harris introduces more animation from around the world. His guest is *Wildlife* presenter Chris Packham **4.25 Ask Oddie.** Bill Oddie is joined by Kent schoolchildren who voice their concern about the effects of the Channel tunnel on wildlife. Plus an item on the future of London zoo. (Oracle) (s) **4.45 Count Duckula.** Cartoon series (r)
5.10 Who's the Boss? American domestic comedy series
5.40 News with Carol Barnes (Oracle) Weather
5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley with the last in her series of advice for obsessive compulsive disorder sufferers
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle)
6.30 Thames News (Oracle)
7.00 Emmerdale. Soap set in the Yorkshire Dales. (Oracle)
7.30 Jimmy's. Another selection of real-life dramas from St James's hospital, Leeds
8.00 The Bill: Skint. A broke PC Garfield holds a birthday party at the Section House which ends up with a boozy fight between PC Quinnan and DC Carver. Garfield incurs more expense when he is landed with payment for the breakages
8.30 This Week: Neil Kinnock — Socialism or Somersaults. Reporter Richard Lindley questions the Labour leader on where he now stands on nuclear disarmament, nationalisation and Britain in Europe, and on whether voters can believe his change of heart on those issues

Victims of a triple con: George Cole and Gary Webster (9.00pm)

9.00 Minder: Three Cons Make a Mountain. Three victims of Arthur's conman tactics exact revenge and Arthur is landed with a Trabant car, a useless greyhound and an upright piano. How can he dispose of the junk before his reputation suffers? Starring George Cole and Gary Webster
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald and Alastair Stewart. (Oracle). Weather **10.30 Thames News** and weather
10.40 The City Programme
11.10 01. Includes reviews of the film *A Rage in Harlem*, starring Robin Givens, and of *Waiting for Godot*, Samuel Beckett's play starring Rik Mayall and Adrian Edmondson
11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Drama serial set in an Australian women's remand centre
12.30am A Problem Aired. Viewers' emotional problems discussed by experts
1.00 The Concert. Heymania in actionco at the Town & Country club, London, supported by the Sindecut (s)
2.00 Film: Boomerang (1976) starring Alain Delon. French drama about a respected businessman whose shady past life is revealed in a newspaper article. Director: José Giovanni
4.00 The Twilight Zone: Aqua Vita. A tale of the supernatural
4.30 America's Top Ten (r) **5.00 Videofashion** (r)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson. Ends at **6.00**
NB: (s) indicates stereo

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel 4 Daily 9.25 Schools
12.00 Something to Treasure. In the fifth of his seven-part series on collecting, Geoffrey Bond investigates the secrets behind the sale of the contents of a country house
12.30 Business Daily
1.00 Sesame Street. Award-winning pre-school learning series
2.00 The March of Time. Murray Sale introduces *Bill Jack v Adolf Hitler*, a propaganda film in which the Allies are seen to be winning the battle for production (r)
2.30 Film: The King Steps Out (1936, b/w)
● CHOICE: Tacitly respecting Josef von Sternberg's injunction that his screen version of Fritz Kreisler's operetta *Cissy* should never be included in any retrospective of his films, Channel 4 are not showing it as part of a Sternberg season. He repudiated the film largely because it was re-cut without his authority. It wasn't a happy experience either for its star, the singer Grace Moore. In her autobiography she wrote: "I had to stand by the piano most of the time, like a log. The great action scene came when I had to milk a cow, singing at the same time." The dairy scene is not in the version you will see this afternoon. The truth of the matter is that Sternberg and Moore acted like cat and dog. Despite everything, however, there are more champagne bubbles than scars in *The King Steps Out*, a Ruritanian romance in everything but name
4.05 Film: The Last Instalment (1944, b/w) starring Cameron Mitchell. One from the *Crime Does Not Pay* series. A small-time crook becomes fascinated by a magazine article about a 1920s racketeer and sets out to emulate his hero
4.30 Countdown. Another round of the words and numbers game (s)
5.00 Willo the Wisp. Cartoon adventures set in a magical forest
5.05 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Today's guests are all people who survived accidents which should have been fatal
6.00 The Time Tunnel. Science fiction series from the 1960s about two scientists caught in a time warp. In this episode they find themselves on board a hostile alien spaceship on its way to raid the Earth for foodstuffs
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext). Weather **7.50 Comment**
8.00 Women of Wisdom. This fifth of six programmes profiles Meinrad Craighead, a painter living in the United States, who was once a Catholic nun based in an English abbey. She talks about her life, work and the importance for her of the state of solitude and the precise nature of women's spirituality. (Teletext)
8.30 Bagdad Café. American comedy series starring Whoopi Goldberg and Jean Stapleton as two disparate women running a diner in an almost inaccessible desert location. (Teletext) (s)
9.00 Critical Eye: The Other War. Why an estimated 100,000 Iraqi children will die because of United Nations sanctions. (Teletext)
10.00 Drop the Dead Donkey. The first of a new series of the comedy set in the chaotic newsroom of a television channel (s)

Host to affairs of the heart: Carolyn Marshall (10.30pm)

10.30 Love Talk.
● CHOICE: As sex and love are increasingly becoming interchangeable nouns, it is surprising that Channel 4 has seen fit to adopt a new title for its follow-up series to *Sex Talk*. The format is roughly the same: first a detailed analysis of a specific case history, then a group discussion in the studio. Although this first programme, about extra-marital relationships, calls itself *Mandy's Story*, the eponymous mistress actually shares it with two other "other women" and with a wife, Naomi, who confesses that she could have murdered the woman who lured away her husband. Naomi, understandably, takes a dim view of mistresses generally, and doesn't waste much sympathy on Mandy. This stings Mandy into saying that wives and mistresses should stop bashing each other because the one who really needs to be exposed is the "rat in the middle". What a programme this would have been if one of the rats had been allowed to twitch his whiskers in the studio! (s)
11.00 LA Law. Glossy American courtroom drama series, being shown for the first time on C4 (r). (Teletext)
12.00 Shalom, General. An Austrian drama about a committed pacifist who, on his first day of work at an old people's home, is assigned to care for a dedicated war veteran. Confrontation looms. Ends at **1.55am**
NB: (s) indicates stereo

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
s London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Super-nan 6.25-7.00 Anglia News 10.45 Moving Art 11.15 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.15 Vivid 12.45-1.00 Short Story Theatre

BORDER
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround Thursday 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 Scottish Frontiers on Medicine 11.10 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.05am The Sun Also Rises 1.45 America's Top Ten 2.20 Videofashion 2.45 The Irish Game 3.45 Film: Hold-Up 5.20-5.30 Jobs

CENTRAL
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Blockbusters 6.25-7.00 Central News 7.30-8.00 1st Night 10.40 Family Pride 11.10 Film: The Kremlin Letter 1.25 Video View 1.55 Books by my Bedside 2.25 Top Ten 2.55 Bhangra Beat 3.30 Raw Power 4.30-5.30 Jobs

GRAMPIAN
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Graham Kerr 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 North Tonight 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 We The Jury 11.40 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 12.05am The Sun Also Rises 1.45 America's Top Ten 2.20 Videofashion 2.45 The Irish Game 3.45 Film: Hold-Up (Frederick Stafford) 5.20-5.30 Jobs

GRANADA
As London except: 5.10-5.40 Blockbusters 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 10.40 Families 11.35 Married...with Children 12.05 The Sun Also Rises 1.45 America's Top Ten 2.20 Videofashion 2.45 The Irish Game 3.45 Film: Hold-Up 5.20-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 A Country Practice 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 The West This Week 11.10-11.40 History on Canvas

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six 11.40 Wales This Week 11.25-11.40 Terrorvision

TSW
As London except: 3.23pm-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Take the High Road 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 Money is the Route of 10.45 Married...with Children 11.10 The Equalizer 12.05 The Sun Also Rises 1.45 America's Top Ten 2.20 Videofashion 2.45 The Irish Game 3.45 Film: Hold-Up 5.20-5.30 TSW Jobfinder

TVS
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 11.10 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.10am-1.00 Jake and the Fatman

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Gardening Time 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Pieces of Parkin 10.40 Married...with Children 11.10 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.05 The Sun Also Rises 1.45 America's Top Ten 2.20 Videofashion 2.45 The Irish Game 3.45 Film: Hold-Up 5.20-5.30 Jobfinder

ULSTER
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 3.25-3.55 Molloy 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.20 Police Six 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.45 Counterpoint 11.15 Money Talks 11.35 Race Ireland 12.05 The Sun Also Rises 1.45 America's Top Ten 2.20 Videofashion 2.45 The Irish Game 3.45 Film: Hold-Up 5.20-5.30 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 Hook, Line and Sinker 11.10 Film: Sartana (William Burger, Klaus Kinski) 12.55 Elvis — Good Rockin' Tonight 1.25 Night Heat 2.25 Music Box Profile 2.30 America's Top Ten 3.00 CinemAttractions 3.30 Music Box 4.30-5.30 Jobfinder

S4C
Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily 9.25 Schools 12.00 All the Waters of Wye 12.30 Newyddion 12.40 Slot Meithrin 1.00 Countdown 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Check Out 2.30 Film: The King Steps Out* 4.05 Three Stooges* 4.25 Slot 23 5.00 Cosby Show 5.30 sixthirtysomething 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Heno 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm 7.30 Byw Misen 8.00 Wedlo 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Natur Wyllt 9.25 Fideo 9 10.00 Kingdoms of the East 11.00 Bagdad Cafe 11.30 Drop the Dead Donkey 12.00 Love Talk 12.30-1.30 Critical Eye

RTE 1
Starts: 1.00pm News 1.35 The Secret Life of Machines 2.05 The Love Boat 3.00 Live at Three 4.00 News followed by Emmerdale 4.30 Carson's Law 5.15 Masterworks 5.30 A Country Practice 6.01 Six-One 6.45 Garda Patrol 7.00 Top of the Pops 7.30 The Nature of Things 8.05 Matlock 9.00 News 9.30 Today Tonight 10.10 Four Thousand Voices 11.10 Dublin Suite 11.35 News

NETWORK 2
Starts: 2.30pm Bosco 3.00 The Den 5.15 Nissan Classic 6.05 Zorro 6.30 Home and Away 7.00 Nuacht 7.08 Cursai 7.30 Glenroe 8.00 News followed by Hollywood Chronicles 8.30 Women of the World 9.00 Murphy Brown 9.25 News 9.30 Knots Landing 10.25 Nissan Classic 11.15 News

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.40 Mrs Pepperpot 8.55 Playabout 9.10 Cartoons 9.30 Mr Ed 10.00 The Lucy Show 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Barnaby Jones 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 The Brady Bunch 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Diff'rent Strokes 5.30 Bewitched 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 In Living Color 8.00 Full House 8.30 Murphy Brown 9.00 China Beach 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 Designing Women 11.00 St Elsewhere 12.00 Night Court 12.30am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
News on the hour
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Newsline 6.00 Sunrise 9.30 Dayline 10.30 *Financial Times* Business Weekly 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Dayline 12.30pm CBS News 2.30 Our World 3.30 Our World — The Countryside Show 4.30 *Financial Times* Business Weekly 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 7.00 Sky World News Tonight 8.30 *Financial Times* Business Weekly 9.00 Sky World News Tonight 10.30 Newsline 11.30 CBS News 12.30am Newsline 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Those Were The Days 3.30 Our World 4.30 *Financial Times* Business Weekly

SKY MOVIES+
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase, incl 8.40 Entertainment Tonight
10.00 Zits (1987) Teenagers sell fake secrets to the Pentagon and the KGB to raise money for their teacher's eye operation
12.00 Invasion Earth: The Aliens Are Here! (1988) Aliens attempt to brainwash the Earth's people by showing monster films
2.00pm Cool Change (1979): Australian cattlemen help a girl threatened with eviction from her land
4.00 Battle Beyond the Stars (1980) *Seven Samurai*-style space adventure about a band of space warriors hired to save a peace-loving planet
5.40 Entertainment Tonight
6.00 Fire: Trapped on the 37th Floor (1991). True-life drama in which Lee Majors tackles the towering inferno
8.00 83 Hours 'Til Dawn (1990): True story of a kidnapped heiress, buried in a coffin and with only 83 hours to live. Starring Peter Strauss and Robert Urich
9.40 Projector
10.00 Re-Animator (1985): Horror film about a medical student who develops a serum that can bring corpses back to life
11.25 Red Heat (1988): James Belushi and Arnold Schwarzenegger star as Soviet and American cops, respectively, who team up to bring a Russian drug-dealer to justice
1.15am Everybody's All-American (1988): The lives of three friends from the mid-1950s to the present day. Starring Dennis Quaid
3.45 Pin (1988): A medical dummy comes to murderous life. Ends at 5.25

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am Otley (1969): Secret agent spoof
8.05 The Big Knife (1955): A writer falls out with a Hollywood producer. Starring Jack Palance
10.00 Yentl (1983). Barbra Streisand disguises herself as a boy to gain an education in a man's world
12.15pm Mr Smith Goes to Washington (1939, b/w): Comedy starring James Stewart as an aspiring politican, shocked by the corruption in Washington
2.25 Lafayette Escadrille (1958): An American boy joins the Foreign Legion
4.15 Vincent and Me (1990): A girl's Van Gogh-style drawings are sold as originals
5.00 Henry V (1989): Kenneth Branagh's adaptation of Shakespeare's play
6.15 Not for Publication (1984): Offbeat comedy about a tabloid reporter and a rival photographer who uncover a newsworthy story about the mayor of New York. Starring Nancy Allen and David Naughton
9.50 Twins (1988): Danny DeVito and Arnold Schwarzenegger star as unlikely siblings
11.40 Black Rain (1989): Violent thriller starring Michael Douglas and Andy Garcia as New York detectives on the trail of an escaped murderer in Osaka, Japan
1.45am Trapped (1989): A building manageress is trapped inside a high-tech office block with a psychotic murderer
3.20 Invasion of the Body Snatchers (1978): Remake of the classic science fiction story about aliens who assume the identity of humans. Ends at 5.15

SKY SPORTS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.30am Aerobics 7.00 Netbusters 7.30 Torque 8.30 Wheels 9.00 Aerobics 9.30 American Sports Cavalcade 10.30 Aerobics 11.00 WWF Wrestling Challenge 12.00 Skol Cup Semi-Final 2.00pm NFL American Football 4.00 Pro-Celebrity Golf 5.00 Torque 6.00 European League Football Round-Up 7.00 NFL Today 8.00 Power Hour Wrestling 9.00 Australian Rules Football 11.00 European League Football Round-Up 12.00 Australian Rules Football

EUROSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
1.00pm Karting World Championships 2.00 Nations Motocross 2.30 Tennis 5.00 Funboard 5.30 Sailing 6.00 Motor Sport News 6.30 Eurosport News 7.00 Tennis 8.30 Equestrian 9.30 Football Eurocup '92 11.30 Eurosport News

SCREENSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Eurobics 7.30 Action Auto 8.00 British Motor Sport 8.30 Four-Man Beach Volleyball 9.30 Eurobics 10.00 Stop-Supercross 11.00 Major League Baseball 1.00pm Indy Car 2.00 Rugby World Cup 3.00 All Japan F3000 Championships 4.00 Equestrian 5.00 IHRA Drag Racing 6.00 Argentine Soccer 7.00 FIA European Truck Racing 8.00 Inside Track 9.00 Spanish Football 11.00 World Championship Snooker 12.00 International Basketball

LIFESTYLE
● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am The Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 Great Chefs of New Orleans 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 Style File 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.40 The Edge of Night 2.05 Video Visits 2.30 Lifestyle Plus 2.40 Cyril Fletcher's Lifestyle Garden 3.10 White Shadow 4.00 Tea Break 4.10 Beverly Hills Buntz 4.40 The Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

MTV
● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only)
6.55 Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Sibelius (Five Esquisses, Op 114: Erik T. Tawaststjerna, piano); Liszt (Hungarian Fantasy: Philharmonia under Susskind, with Solomon, piano)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Rossini (Petit Caprice, Style Offenbach: Aldo Ciccolini, piano); Delius (A Song of Summer: RPO under Eric Fenby), Alma Mahler (Hymne: Isabel Lippitz, soprano, Barbara Heller, piano); Elgar (Cello Concerto: LSO under John Barbirolli, with Jacqueline Du Pré, cello)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Brahms (Der Gang zum Liebchen, Op 31 No 3; Waltzes, Op 39 Nos 3-5; Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen, Ein Deutsches Requiem; Botschaft, Op 47 No 1; Piano Quartet No 2 in A, Op 26)
9.35 Franck and His Circle: Franck (Le Chasseur maudit: Boston SO under Charles Munch); D'Indy (Chansons et danses: Prague Collegium Musicum); Lekeu (Trois poèmes: Bruno Laplante, baritone, Janine Lachance, piano); Chausson (Symphony in B flat: Belgian RSO under Serebrier); Franck (Symphonic Variations: Concertgebouw Orchestra under Riccardo Chailly, with Jorge Bolet, piano)
11.20 BBC Welsh SO under Jerzy Maksymiuk, with Dennis Lee, piano, performs Haydn (Symphony No 96 in D, Miracle); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 27 in B flat, K 595); Sibelius (Symphony No 4, Op 63) **1.00pm** News
1.05 Bristol Lunchtime Concert: The first of six concerts, live from St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol. The pianist Imogen Cooper plays Beethoven (Variations on Salieri's air, La stessa, la stessissima, Falstaff), Ravel (Sonatine for piano); Chopin (Fantasy in F minor, Op 49; Berceuse in D flat, Op 57; Ballade No 1 in G minor, Op 23)
2.00 Mozart on Record: James Gibb discusses the recorded legacy of Mozart's Piano Concerto No 24 in C minor, K 491
3.00 Lufthansa Festival of Baroque Music: English Concert and Choir of the English Concert under Trevor Pinnock perform Purcell's King Arthur, or The British Worthy. **4.05** Curtis Price asks whether Purcell's opera needs Dryden's play. **4.15** Part 2
5.05 Music for the Theatre: New York Philharmonic under Leonard Bernstein performs Aaron Copland (Suite in Five Parts)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure **7.00** News
7.05 Third Ear: The American composer Joan Tower talks to Natalie Wheen
7.30 London Philharmonic under Klaus Tennstedt, with Olaf Bär, baritone, live from the Festival Hall, London. Weber (Overture, Der Freischütz); Mahler (Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen). **8.05** Cultural historian Daniel Pick explores conflicting conceptions of machine imagery. **8.25** Beethoven (Symphony No 3 in E flat, Eroica)
9.30 Black Milk of Dawn
● CHOICE: The title is that of Paul Celan's best-known poem, Celan being considered one of the most important post-war poets, though he is almost forgotten in Britain. Rabbi Hugo Gryn knew him and introduces readings from his work by Robert Rietti. Celan, a German-speaking Romanian Jew who survived the Holocaust, committed suicide shortly before his fiftieth birthday, an act which to Rabbi Gryn remains a personal painful mystery. But he is grateful for Celan's work and understands enough of it, he says, for it to touch his heart and to want to go on
9.55 Sonorities 1991. Kammarensemblen under Ansger Krook performs a concert of new Scandinavian music. Anders Eliasson (Intermizzi); Poul Ruders (Four Dances in One Movement); Bengt Hambraeus (Nocturnals); Ivo Nilsson (Agnosi)
11.00 Gone in the Air: Brian Morton on the versatile instrumentalist Eric Dolphy (r)
11.30 News
11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Fauré (r)
1.00-2.25 Night School (FM only) (except in Scotland)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **8.43** The Old Left: The Ravages of Time. Written and read by Daniel Menaker (3 of 7) (s) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Face the Facts, with John Waite (r)
9.30 Plain Tales from the Rhododendrons: Fishhooks! It's the Major! Christopher Matthew recalls the officer classes who created their own caste system in Surrey during the ten years after the second world war (2 of 3)
10.00-10.30am A Glass of Blessings (FM only): Wilmet's Winter Programme. Second of a six-part adaptation of Barbara Pym's novel (s)
10.00 News; An Act of Worship (LW only) (s)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Genesis. John Gielgud reads from the Old Testament in the Authorised Version, and the New Testament from the Revised English Bible (s)
10.30 Woman's Hour: The guest is pop star and model La Toya Jackson, younger sister of Michael
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent: Reflections of life and politics abroad
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Trivia Test Match: Brian Johnston umpires another test of wit and general knowledge (s) (r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Plymouth in War: As part of BBC Radio's poetry festival, Danny Schiller reads an adaptation of Priscilla Napier's "verse documentary" which recaptures the Blitz of 1941 (s) (r)
3.00 News; Down Your Way: Mr Speaker, Bernard Weatherill, MP, looks around the House of Commons (r)
3.40 Poetry Please! from the Salisbury Festival
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope: The New Zealand poet Sam Hunt performs his work in the studio; Michelle Roberts reviews J.G. Ballard's *The Kindness of Women*; Bryan Robertson talks to Siobhan Davis, whose dance company is performing at the Queen Elizabeth Hall and reviews the theatre of Philippe Genty at Sadler's Wells (s)
4.45 Short Story: Just Like Stone's Hotel, by Kit Wright. Stephen Thorne reads the fourth of five stories by poets
5.00 News; PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 All the World's a Globe: The history of mankind, presented by the cast of The National Theatre of Brent (6 of 8) (s) (r)
6.45 The Adventures of Superman (6 of 10) (s) (r)
7.00 News **7.05** The Archers
7.20 Hostage to Fortune: Kati Whitaker reports from New Aiyansh on the struggle by the Canadian Indians to recover their lands (s)
8.00 Analysis: Slow-Slow-Quick-Quick-Slow. Concluding his examination of European convergence, David Walker considers the extent to which there is already a two-speed Europe: one moving rapidly towards integration, the other keeping to the slow lane
8.45 Hearing Voices, Seeing Things: Ian McMillan ventures behind the counter at Lowery's chip shop in High Green, near Sheffield (s)
9.00 Does He Take Sugar? Magazine for the disabled
9.30 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Turning Back the Sun, by Colin Thubron (4 of 10)
11.00 Monk's Hood: First of a five-part dramatisation of Ellis Peters's novel (s) (r)
11.30 The World on a String. Geoffrey Smith takes a final look at the French jazz violinist Stephane Grapelli (r)
12.00 News, incl **12.27am** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **12.43** World Service (LW only)

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Gary King (FM only) 6.00 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies says, Let's Do Lunch 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News 91 6.00 Jakki Brambles 7.30 Mark Goodier's Evening Session 9.00 The Rap Selection 10.00 Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night 12.00-4.00am Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am Steve Madden: The Early Show 6.00 Ken Bruce 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Judith Chalmers 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 4.00 Daniel O'Donnell 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 The News Huddlines 7.30 Wally Whyton 9.00 Paul Jones 9.45 Simon Gledhill at the Console of the Compton Organ, Wyton House, Huntingdon (r) 10.00 Chris Stuart 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.35 Andrew Lane with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm. 6.00am World Service News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition 9.00 Schools 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 Angela Rippon with The Health Show. Tel 0345 909693 12.30pm A Good Night Out: A Cup of Coffee, a Sandwich and You. Nightlife of the 1920s and 1930s 1.00 News Update 1.15 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (r) 1.30 BFBS Worldwide: Simon and the Squad 2.30 World Service 4.35 Five Aside 6.30 Sporting Albums: Garth Crooks talks to golfer Bernard Gallacher 7.15 Pippi Longstocking, by Astrid Lindgren. Read by Sandi Toksvig 7.30 Luck de Luxe and the Killer Beans: Comic book adventure by Chris Allen (2 of 4) 8.00 My Place: Grange Hill's Sean Maguire gives a guided tour of Clacton-on-Sea 8.30 Formula Five 9.00 Backtrackers: Sixth-formers from Hautlieu School present the stories of those who survived the German occupation of Jersey 9.30 Compromised Immunity: Aids drama, written by Andy Kirby 10.00 News: Sport 10.10 Eastern Beat, incl 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News: Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.00am Morgenmagazin 5.30 The World Today 5.45 News Headlines 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 World Business Report 6.00 News 6.09 24 Hours 6.30 Londres Matin 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Omnibus 8.00 News 8.09 24 Hours 8.30 Network UK 9.00 News 9.09 World Business Report 8.30 Network UK 9.00 News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Good Books 9.30 John Peel 10.00 News 10.09 World Business Report 10.09 World Business Report 10.15 From Our Own Correspondent 10.30 The Farming World 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.01 Russia, the Drive to Empire 11.30 Londres Midi 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm The Golden Apples of the Sun 1.00 News 1.05 News About Britain 1.15 Multitrack 2 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Off the Shelf: Silas Marner 3.45 Recording of the Week 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 The World Today 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German Features 7.45 News in German 8.00 News 8.05 World Business Report 8.15 Londres Dernière 8.30 Seven Seas 8.45 The Farming World 9.00 News 9.09 The World Today 9.30 Meridian 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.05 Global Concerns 11.20 Network UK 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05am World Business Report 12.15 Music Review 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 The Anatomy of Jazz 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Seven Seas 2.45 Global Concerns 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 The Golden Apples of the Sun 4.00 News 3.30 The Golden Apples of the Sun 4.00 News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 Focus on Faith 4.45 News and Press Review in German

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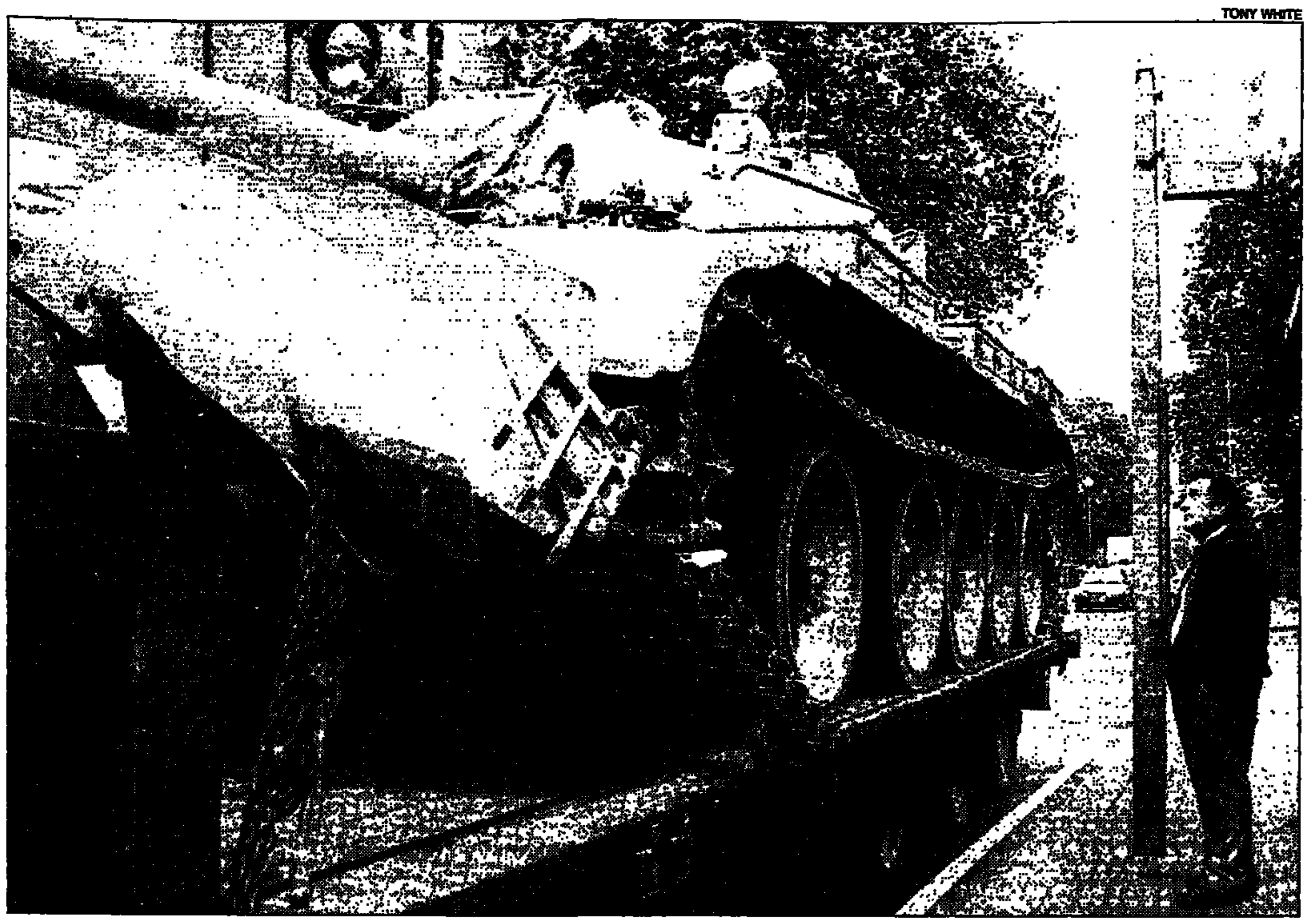

Last stop: an Iraqi army T55 tank on its way to become part of a collection of Gulf war exhibits at the National Army Museum in Chelsea, London

Major rejects federal treaty

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institutions. Nor will he sign any treaty that, in effect, gives the European parliament precedence over British ministers and the House of Commons or which contains references to a "federal" Europe.

Colleagues say that Mr Major regards it as absurd that, for example, Britain's policy on immigration from Hong Kong could be decided by Dutch and Belgian MPs and subject to institutions such as the European court, which he regards as a politically motivated body that should have no role in shaping member governments' policies. He is also determined to resist any attempt to have "common" defence and foreign policies brought under European authorities' control.

Mr Major is willing to see the European parliament given more powers over the European Commission and in the scrutiny of the EC budget, but he will oppose proposals to give it the right of veto over European laws, equalling or exceeding the rights of national governments.

The prime minister has clearly been irritated by the tactics of Ruud Lubbers, his Dutch counterpart who holds the EC presidency, in revising the treaty draft so radically at such a late stage.

However, British negotiators expect Mr Major to be able to sign up to the treaty on economic and monetary union (EMU), which now contains the all-important references to convergence of European economies as a precondition for closer union, imposes no central bank in Stage II, and does not require any commitment yet to entry into the final phase, Stage III. It would reserve to Parliament the right to decide not just when but whether Britain should join EMU.

Senior British ministers believe that although the talk is at present of a final stage beginning in 1997, it would probably take two or three years more for the economies of eight or more EC nations to converge sufficiently for a single European currency and an independent central bank to become a reality.

They are angry that, after the successful negotiations on economic and monetary union, what had appeared to be a "cloud no bigger than a man's hand" on political union should have become a serious threat to the achievement of any agreement in Maastricht.

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Political sketch

Quick-change art of the film-maker

LAST night at 8.50pm, Labour's Hugh Hudson (*Chariots of Fire*) followed the Tories' John Schlesinger (*Midnight Cowboy*) into the elephants' graveyard of film directors' reputations, the party political broadcast.

Many viewers will remember the beginning: the voice of Mr Kinnock "warning" us about something or other, while on screen appeared black-and-white pictures of elderly people and other welfare situations. Then came the head of Mr Kinnock himself, speaking of the decline in housebuilding. The surge in power consumption as a million citizens rushed to put the kettle on must have shocked electricity chiefs.

"It's about roots, and principles," trilled Mr Kinnock's press officer, Julie Hall, somewhat desperately, to media persons awaiting a sneak preview yesterday. "It's about his compass, still intact, the guidelines to his life, the engine driving him..."

"... It's about something he has always believed in ..." We pricked up our ears. Something Mr Kinnock has always believed in? An unusual discovery! "Fixed-term parliaments," announced Julie. "And it's about quality, and excellence, and competence ..."

"... And change, and progress, and innovation, and stability, and security," adds Mr K, in the PPB.

Actually it was about Wales. And he has only believed in fixed-term parliaments "since the 1970s". Still, something Mr Kinnock has believed in since the 1970s remains a rare find.

And the broadcast does establish that Mr Kinnock is Welsh. Unthinking elements in England may question the wisdom of this marketing strategy, but "I've always felt Welsh", Neil confides. He does not say whether he has always felt white, but (following the Tory example) there were no black people in this video, except for one very small one.

To establish the width of admiration enjoyed by our Welsh-feeling Labour leader, a number of ordinary people were asked what they felt about him. Most of them were Welsh. They felt he was great. There was then a burst of the "Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves" from *Aida*. Was this a reference to the subjection of Wales, or an attempt to mollify reported Jewish complaints about the use of Wagner in earlier Labour PPBs?

For the operatic section the Labour leader appeared in a beige suit and dotted tie, heavily made up and freckle-free. However, after a section in which Glenys Kinnock told us how nice Neil's mother was, Mr Kinnock appeared tieless, in a crew-necked jumper. Opera yielded to background piano music, Clayderman-style. There was more about Mr Kinnock's principles. He changed back into a suit.

After some pictures of Nelson Mandela, and tanks, to indicate the international nature of Mr Kinnock's reputation, he re-appeared in a different suit, to walk around with Gordon Brown, scuppering the latter's leadership hopes. There was then a section on the need for genius, and some more about Mr Kinnock's principles.

Finally, wearing another suit, he disappeared in a helicopter, possibly to attend the ritual torture of a young MP, Dave Nellist, who still believes some of the things Mr Kinnock did believe in the 1970s, but hasn't since.

Those hoping he might reappear one last time, in a spangled leotard, to tell us more about his principles, were disappointed.

MATTHEW PARRIS

CRAWLING TO A HALT

Birmingham was said to be a city designed for the car. This week, with pollution levels rising and streets permanently filled with three lanes of vehicles, the city closed its centre to traffic in what is thought to be the country's biggest pedestrianisation scheme. Meanwhile in Cambridge engineers are planning to ring their city with microwave beacons. Local cars will carry a small computer, which will be triggered by the beacons. The drivers will pay for every mile and minute they spend at traffic jam speed

Kevin Eason on the changing face of motoring: place an order for Friday's *Times* today

Booker price row revived

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the Booker list at prices lower than the publishers' recommended price was frustrated when the publishers took out injunctions, a move which surprised Mr Maher who believed he had their tacit approval.

This year he is likely to have an ally in Secker & Warburg, publishers of Roddy Doyle's *The Van*. Reed International, Secker & Warburg's parent company, has already declared that it will publish some titles outside the agreement.

Mr Maher says that discounts could be about a quarter of the publishers' recommended prices. As all the Booker contenders cost £13.99 this could mean a saving of £3.50. If he discounts the entire list, readers could save up to £20.98.

Mr Maher is likely to meet strong opposition. His arch rival W.H. Smith, which owns the Waterstone chain, is against the abolition of the NBA, as is the Booksellers Association.

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MPs suspended in Labour party's purge of Militant

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

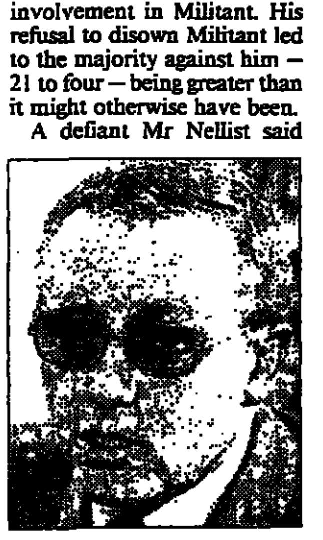
NEIL Kinnock's eight-year battle to rid Labour of the Militant Tendency passed its most important milestone yesterday after two hard-left MPs were suspended from the party for their alleged links with the trotskyist sect.

The ruling national executive laid the ground for the expulsion of David Nellist and Terry Fields, both of them MPs for eight years, and banned them from attending next week's party conference in Brighton. Charges are to be speedily drawn up against them and will be heard before Labour's disciplinary court, the national constitutional committee. While suspended they are ineligible to stand as Labour candidates, and the party whip is likely to be withdrawn when the Commons returns.

Mr Fields and Mr Nellist said last night that they would go to Brighton next week to fight their case at meetings away from the official conference, and Militant is organising a pre-conference rally in Brighton on Saturday to support them.

The decision, the first time Mr Kinnock has extended his purge to the parliamentary party, came at a tense meeting at which Mr Nellist, but not Mr Fields, who sent a sick note, pleaded his case. During an hour-long interrogation Mr Nellist, who was also barred from standing for election to the NEC, was presented with evidence of his alleged involvement in Militant. His refusal to disown Militant led to the majority against him — 21 to four — being greater than it might otherwise have been.

A defiant Mr Nellist said last night: "They wanted me to condemn Militant as a paper, its policies and all the people involved in it. I am not going to get involved in a witchhunt of young socialists up and down the country."



Fields: denied alleged link with trotskyists

A 142-page report said there was "substantial evidence to show that over a considerable period of time" they had promoted the cause of Militant, its separate policies and principles and had been identified as Militant supporters. It added that they had also actively worked for Militant by speaking on Militant platforms and assisting in fundraising. It said Mr Nellist "has also been actively engaged in and promoted Militant front organisations and, through them, has promoted the policies of Militant."

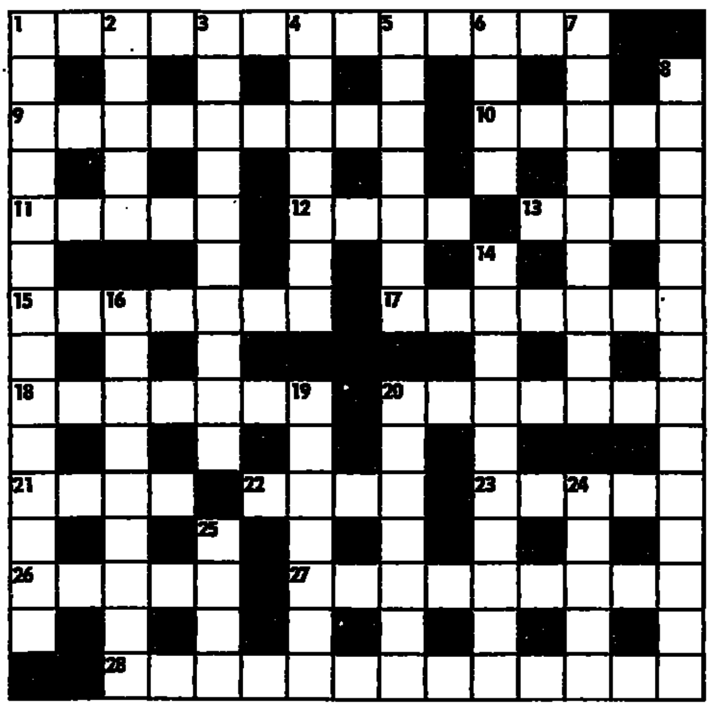
Mr Fields, MP for Liverpool Broadgreen, is likely to face a straight charge of Militant membership, while Mr Nellist's may be one of having engaged in sustained conduct prejudicial to the party. Either, if upheld, would result in expulsion.

Mr Fields, speaking from Spain where he is on holiday recovering from his recent prison sentence, denied any "organisational or financial" link with Militant and said he was sad because the Labour leadership should be concentrating on fighting the Tories. He was angry that the NEC had refused his request for a postponement without informing him. "If they had communicated to me that my presence was crucial I would have tried to get back there." Mr Nellist said he had no intention of resigning and forcing a by-election. "I am the elected MP."

After the NEC meeting Sam McCluskie, the party treasurer, said: "They had an opportunity to dissociate themselves from Militant and they wouldn't do it." Dennis Skinner, the MP for Bolsover, who said the two MPs were being deprived of their livelihood by the NEC's decision. Tony Benn, Labour MP for Chesterfield, said the MPs had now been prevented from representing their constituents, without proper examination of the arguments.

Kinnock's crusade, page 2

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,721



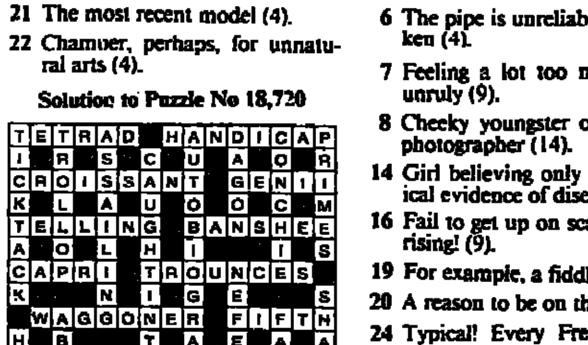
ACROSS

- 1 Reinforcements' disposition in front of protected area (6,7).
- 9 Inspect and repair brickwork for slant (9).
- 10 It's hard to deal with retiring at the beginning of an era (5).
- 11 Send back Order of Merit (5).
- 12 Result not quite equally balanced (4).
- 13 Proceed with difficulty, having little energy (4).
- 15 He has a great personal interest say, to back the winner (7).
- 17 "Fair ___ ___ frown'd not on his humble birth" (Gray) (7).
- 18 Complex choice by soldiers (7).
- 20 Messenger starts to use a bell (7).
- 21 The most recent model (4).
- 22 Chamber, perhaps, for unnatural arts (4).
- 23 Withdrawal from Europe rarely works (5).
- 26 Rosalind was Duke Frederick's sweetheart in pleasant surroundings (5).
- 27 Tries to win stylish suit (9).
- 28 Very steep? That's normal (13).

DOWN

- 1 Undertake endless air travel to Utopia (5-5,4).
- 2 Drinks container releasing large quantity of heat (5).
- 3 Peter is ordered, with courts's intervention, to return home (10).
- 4 Intend wearing torn old clothes (7).
- 5 Adjust supports for driving seats (7).
- 6 The pipe is unreliable when broken (4).
- 7 Feeling a lot too menial to be unruly (9).
- 8 Cheeky youngster overcome by photographer (14).
- 14 Girl believing only in the physical evidence of disease (10).
- 16 Fail to get up on scales - they're rising! (9).
- 19 For example, a fiddle recital (7).
- 20 A reason to be on the bed (7).
- 24 Typical! Every French student nurse ends up as a radical (5).
- 25 Foreign title of a female Royal (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,720



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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

JACKROLLER
a. A crap-shooter
b. Racing roller skates
c. A Soweto criminal

ZUCCHETTO
a. The egg-plant
b. Library steps
c. An ecclesiastical skullcap

DISS
a. An Algerian reedy grass
b. A lady's maid
c. The knave of spades

SMAIK
a. Salmon-netting piles
b. A contemptible fellow
c. To tell tales

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WEATHER

Mist and fog patches in the Midlands will soon clear. A touch of frost is likely in Scottish glens. From mid-morning, cloud will build up over England and Wales with showers becoming quite widespread. Some could be heavy with thunder. Over Scotland the showers will be more frequent in coastal areas with a few sheltered areas in the east seeing very few. It will be rather cold. Outlook: continuing unsettled

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	25	77	s	Madrid	19	66	d
Akrotiri	32	90	s	Majorca	27	81	f
Alex'dria	28	82	s	Malaga	23	73	f
Algiers	28	82	c	Malta	29	84	f
Amst'dm	16	61	c	Melb'rne	18	64	r
Athens	27	81	s	Miami*	31	88	f
Bahrain	35	95	s	Milan	25	77	s
Bangkok	31	88	f	Montreal*	13	55	f
Barbads*	31	88	s	Moscow	15	59	f
Barcelna	22	72	t	Munich	25	77	s
Beirut	28	82	s	Nairobi	26	79	t
Belgrade	22	72	s	Naples	26	79	f
Berlin	24	75	s	N Delhi	33	91	s
Bermuda*	28	82	s	N York*	22	72	s
Biarritz	22	72	f	Nice	26	79	s
Borde'x	20	68	r	Oslo	17	63	s
Brussels	19	66	r	Paris	16	61	r
Budapst	22	72	s	Peking	24	75	f
B Aires*	16	61	f	Perth	21	70	s
Cairo	32	90	s	Prague	23	73	s
Cape Tn	23	73	c	Reykjavik	7	45	s
Chicago*	10	50	r	Rhodes	27	81	s
Ch'church	9	48	r	Rio de J	20	68	c
Cologne	23	73	c	Riyadh	41	106	s
C'phagn	17	63	c	Rome	26	79	s
Corfu	25	77	f	Salzburg	24	75	s
Dublin	14	57	f	S F'risco*	19	66	s
Dubrovnik	24	75	s	Santiago*	21	70	s
Faro	24	75	f	S Paulo*	15	59	c
Florence	27	81	s	Seoul	23	73	f
Frankfurt	25	77	s	Sing'por	31	88	f
Funchal	25	77	f	St'kholm	17	63	s
Geneva	23	73	f	Strasb'rg	25	77	s
Gibraltar	21	70	r	Sydney	20	68	s
Helsinki	14	57	c	Tangier	25	77	s
Hong K	29	84	f	Tel Aviv	29	84	s
Innsbrck	23	73	s	Tenerife	26	79	f
Istanbul	26	79	s	Tokyo	25	77	s
Jeddah	34	93	s	Toronto*	13	55	f
Jo'burg*	16	61	f	Tunis	28	82	s
L Palmas	27	81	c	Valencia	25	77	f
Le Tquet	17	63	r	Vanc'ver*	16	61	s
Lisbon	20	68	c	Venice	23	73	s
Locarno	19	66	f	Vienna	20	68	s
London	15	59	f	Warsaw	22	72	s
L Angels*	25	77	s	Wash'ton*	22	72	c
Luxembg	20	68	c	Wel'nton	11	52	f
Luxor	37	99	s	Zurich	21	70	s

* denotes figures are latest available

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France Fr	10.34	9.69
Germany Dm	3.045	2.845
Greece Dr	334.00	314.00
Hong Kong $	14.05	13.05
Ireland Pt	1.138	1.068
Italy Lira	2285.00	2135.00
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Netherlands Gld	3.43	3.21
Norway Kr	11.94	11.13
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Spain Pta	191.00	178.00
Sweden Kr	11.15	10.40
Switzerland Fr	2.65	2.48
Turkey Lira	8600.00	7800.00
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GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp. max 6am to 6pm, 15C (59F), min 6pm to 6am, 8C (46F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.17 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 7.0 hr

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	10.0	.17	15	59	sunny
Anglesey	6.3	.20	17	63	shower
Aviemore	4.7	.76	12	54	shower
Belfast	4.2	.17	14	57	shower
Birmingham	4.8	.10	18	64	bright
Blackpool	6.3	.07	16	61	shower
Bournemouth	-	.13	17	63	rain
Brighton	X	.03	17	63	cloudy
Bristol	0.2	.09	17	63	rain
Buxton	8.0	.22	15	59	sunny
Cardiff	0.4	.12	17	63	rain
Colwyn Bay	8.0	.13	17	63	sunny
Douglas	7.8	.18	15	59	shower
Edinburgh	5.2	.89	13	55	shower
Eskdalemuir	1.4	.65	11	52	shower
Exmouth	0.2	.15	16	61	rain
Glasgow	4.2	.86	13	55	shower
Guernsey	3.3	-	22	72	cloudy
Hunstanton	4.5	.11	18	64	cloudy
Jersey	1.8	.04	21	70	rain
Kinloss	6.7	.20	15	59	shower
Leeds	7.3	.02	17	63	sunny
Lerwick	2.6	.48	11	52	shower
London	-	.17	19	66	rain
Lowestoft	2.3	.06	20	68	rain
Manchester	4.1	.20	17	63	bright
Minehead	0.5	.07	17	63	cloudy
Morecambe	7.1	.11	15	59	bright
Newcastle	10.0	.06	16	61	sunny
Newquay	0.1	.29	16	61	rain
Nottingham	7.1	.10	18	64	sunny
Penzance	-	.21	16	61	rain
Plymouth	-	.25	15	59	rain
Salcombe	-	.27	16	61	rain
Sandown	0.4	.06	19	66	rain
Scarborough	8.1	.02	19	66	sunny
Scilly Isles	0.2	.14	16	61	cloudy
Southsea	-	.13	18	64	rain
Stornoway	5.7	.35	12	54	shower
Teignmouth	0.3	.15	17	63	rain
Tenby	4.6	.09	17	63	bright
Tiree	6.9	.35	14	57	shower
Torquay	-	.27	x	x	rain
Weymouth	-	.11	17	63	rain
Wick	6.5	.16	13	55	shower

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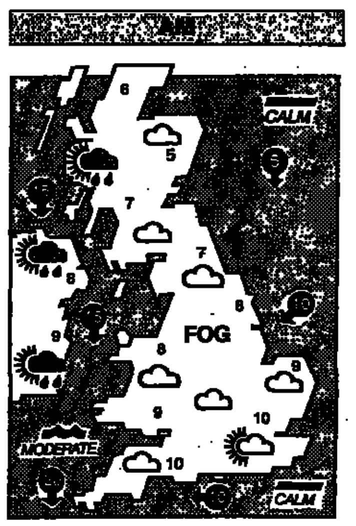

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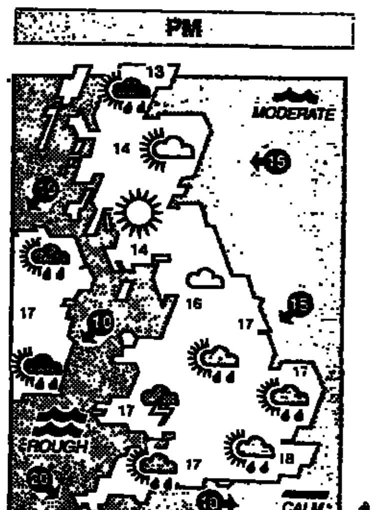

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	10	50	c	Guernsey	16	61	f
B'rmgham	15	59	f	Inverness	14	57	f
Blackpool	15	59	s	Jersey	16	61	s
Bristol	17	63	f	London	15	59	f
Cardiff	17	63	f	M'nchster	15	59	s
Edinburgh	13	55	f	Newcastle	15	59	s

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Guernsey, 22C (72F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Edinburgh, 0.89 in; highest sunshine: Newcastle and Aberdeen, 10.0 hr

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 7.21 pm to 6.54 am
Bristol 7.01 pm to 7.07 am
Edinburgh 7.03 pm to 7.07 am
Manchester 6.59 pm to 7.02 am

Sun rises: 6.52 am
Sun sets: 6.51 pm
Moon sets 10.07 am
Moon rises 7.18 pm
Last quarter October 1

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp. max 6am to 6pm, 17C (63F), min 6pm to 6am, 8C (46F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.02 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 4.8 hr

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.57	7.2	4.05	7.3
Aberdeen	3.04	4.4	3.36	4.2
Avonmouth	9.20	13.3	9.10	13.3
Belfast	12.39	3.5	1.03	3.4
Cardiff	9.05	12.3	9.25	12.3
Devonport	8.10	5.5	8.28	5.4
Dover	12.46	6.6	1.01	6.8
Falmouth	7.43	5.3	7.58	5.2
Glasgow	2.55	4.8	3.13	4.8
Harwich	1.55	4.1	2.06	4.1
Holyhead	12.02	5.8	12.22	5.5
Hull	8.19	7.6	8.42	7.3
Ilfracombe	8.02	9.3	8.21	9.3
King's Lynn	8.27	6.9	8.56	6.5
Leith	4.28	5.6	4.59	5.5

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	1.04	9.6	1.21	9.4
Lowestoft	11.31	2.6		
Margate	1.57	4.8	1.59	4.9
Milford Haven	8.17	7.0	8.35	7.1
Newquay	7.07	7.0	7.25	7.1
Oban	7.40	4.0	8.02	4.2
Penzance	7.13	5.6	7.29	5.5
Portland	9.14	2.3	9.36	2.3
Portsmouth	1.07	4.7	1.27	4.7
Shoreham	1.00	6.2	1.21	6.2
Southampton	12.41	4.5	1.02	4.6
Swansea	8.19	9.6	8.40	9.7
Tees	5.29	5.5	5.57	5.3
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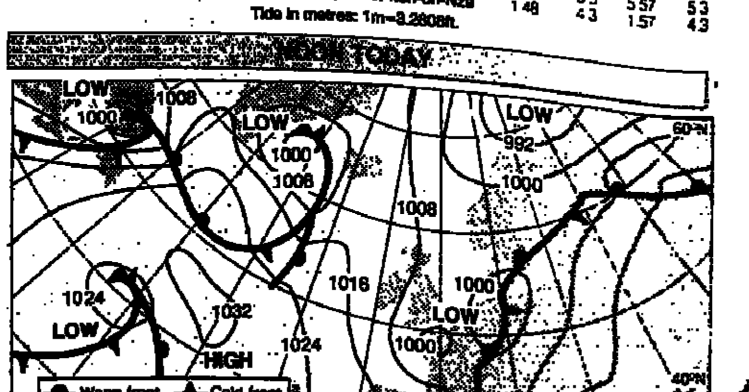

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Business Editor
John Bell

Anti-fraud network proposed

BARBARA Mills, director of the Serious Fraud Office, has called for the establishment of a global anti-fraud network.

In remarks prepared for the International Organisation of Securities Commissions in Washington, Mrs Mills said the conference should create a co-ordinated international network to combat serious fraud cases.

She added: "It should create a network based on the appropriate agencies for each country. When there is another worldwide fraud or even a fraud on a multinational scale, the arrangements can be activated at short notice to give the advice and help required for each country."

Failed bid hits Boddington

The Boddington Group's failed bid in June for JA Devenish, the rival public house group, cost £3.27 million. The charge was shown in the group's results, which showed a 12 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £7.52 million for the half year to June.

Boddington was also forced to write off £4.19 million against its London restaurant chain, which is to be sold. Despite the fall, the interim dividend is rising 9 per cent to 2.35p. **Tempus, page 28**

Geest rises

Pre-tax profits at Geest, the food group, rose 7 per cent to £15.1 million in the six months to June 29. The interim dividend has been increased to 3.6p (3.25p). **Tempus, page 28**

BSG slips

BSG International made pre-tax profits of £6.51 million (£8.01 million) for the six months to end-June. The interim dividend is held at 0.7p a share. **Tempus, page 28**

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7340 (–0.0100)
German mark
2.9166 (+0.0032)
Exchange index
91.0 (same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
2028.9 (+19.5)
FT-SE 100
2597.8 (+21.2)
New York Dow Jones
3028.40 (–0.67)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
23577.42 (+243.72)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Abbey National	306p (+13p)
Close Bros	245p (+10p)
Standard Chart	371p (+21p)
W Canning	155½p (+8p)
Bass	986p (+11p)
Renishaw	302p (+10p)
Reuters	953p (+19p)
Ricardo Intl	107½p (+10p)
Courtaulds	472p (+9p)
United Friendly	431p (+10p)
Adscene	83½p (+11p)
Johnstone Press	284½p (+14p)
News Corp	485p (+10p)
MEPC	506p (+11p)
Geest	352½p (+15p)
Davies & Newman	135p (+10p)
Cable & Wireless	585p (+15p)
BAT	657½p (+13p)
FALLS:	
ADT	482½p (–12p)
Powell Duffryn	331½p (–8p)

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10½%
3-month interbank $10\frac{5}{16}$-10¼%
3-month eligible bills $9\frac{21}{32}$-9⅝%
US: Prime Rate 8%
Federal Funds $5\frac{5}{16}$%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.18-5.16%*
30-year bonds $102\frac{28}{32}$-$102\frac{16}{16}$*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7330	£: $1.7335*
£: DM2.9158	$: DM1.6825*
£: SwFr2.5360	$: SwFr1.4646*
£: FFr9.9379	$: FFr5.7315*
£: Yen230.84	$: Yen133.32*
£: Index91.0	$: Index64.8
ECU £0.701948	SDR £0.784621
£: ECU1.424606	£: SDR1.274500

London forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $352.40 pm-$352.75
close $352.70-353.10 (£203.30-203.80)
New York:
Comex $352.75-353.25*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Oct) .... $20.70 bbl ($20.95)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 134.1 August (1987=100)
* Denotes midday trading price

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Cost-cutting package includes relocating headquarters

Eagle Star to cut 1,000 jobs after loss

By Martin Barrow

MORE than 1,000 jobs are to be cut at Eagle Star, the troubled insurance subsidiary of BAT Industries, as part of a wide-ranging package of measures aimed at restoring profitability.

Eagle Star, which shocked the City by announcing a loss of £189 million for the first six months of this year, said the cuts would fall in its general insurance business, where staff would be reduced 15 per cent over the next three years.

Further cost savings are to be achieved through relocating the head office of the general insurance business from Aldgate in the City of London to Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, and the closure of 48 branch offices next year.

John Bishop, the managing director, said Eagle Star had also ordered a review of all business lines, which could result in complete withdrawal from some sectors if the company "is unable to achieve an adequate return".

"The review is part of a very determined management effort to ensure that our general business has an operational and cost structure appropriate to the market situation and a strengthened base for the 1990s," he said.

The widespread review was ordered by Michael Butt, chairman and chief executive, who has so far retained his senior role at Eagle Star, despite the depth of the losses. Eagle Star's profitable life assurance business has escaped unscathed.

Eagle Star's interim deficit, which compared with profits of £21.1 million in the first half of last year, included underwriting losses of £331 million, with £282 million attributable to UK business. Underwriting losses on domestic mortgage indemnity were £121 million. Mr Butt described these results as "straightforward bloody awful".

The company's losses triggered a 24 per cent fall in interim profits at BAT Industries, its parent company, to £413 million in the first half of this year. Sir Patrick Sheehy, the BAT chairman, said it was impossible to be anything other than pessimistic about the short-term outlook for Eagle Star and gave warning that provisions in the second half were likely to be as bad as in the first six months.

Eagle Star has said it will withdraw from the mortgage indemnity market within six months unless lenders accept new terms from insurers. The company is quitting the pooled mortgage insurance market, which allows centralised lenders to raise funds by securitising pools of their own loans for sale on the capital markets.

Claims against mortgage guarantees are triggered when the proceeds from the sale of a repossessed property are less than the value of the outstanding mortgage. Lenders normally insure about 25 per cent of their mortgage exposure.

Eagle Star is demanding premium increases and is calling for changes in policy conditions to increase lenders' liabilities.

Sun Alliance, which is the largest player in the mortgage indemnity market, with a 20 per cent share, lost £50 million on this account in the first half of this year, resulting in overall pre-tax losses of £114 million. Legal and General's 10 per cent share of the market cost it £155 million. Legal and General's provisions left group losses of £84.5 million before tax.

Gordon Brown, the shadow trade secretary, said the announcement was a double blow to job hopes, after a gloomy survey from the EEF yesterday, predicted major job losses in the engineering industry.

He said the cuts "reinforce my demand for an end to government complacency".

Widespread review ordered: Michael Butt, the chairman and chief executive

Engineers gloomy on jobs but foresee a recovery

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

BRITAIN'S engineering companies are now close to the bottom of the recession — but even so, they expect to lose a further 90,000 jobs over the next 12 months.

Engineering industry leaders yesterday disagreed with the government about the timing of the recovery's start, which ministers claim is under way.

In its latest analysis of economic trends, the Engineering Employers' Federation, representing 5,000 companies, said that a "slow but steady" recovery would not now begin until well into next year.

Because a consumer-led recovery, as the government forecasts, takes longer to feed through into an industry like engineering, its leaders believe engineering will be on the tail end of a recovery. If, therefore, they forecast an engineering recovery in the second quarter of next year, it suggests general economic recovery before that.

Far from being reassurred, unions in the engineering industry said the EEF's latest report on the state of the industry showed the damage still being done to it by the lack of government action.

On output, the federation notes a fall of 9 per cent over the last year, but said it would increase by 2 per cent between the second half of this year and the same period in 1992.

Sales in engineering fell 11 per cent in the two years to the first half of this year. But a rise of 1.5 per cent is forecast over the next year.

Cuts in investment have been much more severe than were forecast, the EEF said. Spending is down 13 per cent this year, with a further fall of 6 per cent in line for 1992.

Employment in the industry, already down by 150,000 in the last 12 months, will fall by a further 90,000 in the next year.

☐ United Kingdom construction orders rose a provisional, seasonally adjusted 19 per cent in the three months to July from the previous three months but were down 2 per cent on the same period last year, acording to environment department figures.

Lonrho rejects Brent proposal

By Matthew Bond

LONRHO, holder of £5 million of Brent Walker's convertible bonds, has rejected the revised restructuring proposal put forward by Brent Walker and the steering committee of its bankers.

The rejection came after Brent Walker's bondholders met yesterday afternoon to consider the revised terms they are being offered to swap their bonds for a new debt instrument. The approval of 75 per cent of them is required before Brent Walker's long-awaited £1.5 billion refinancing is agreed. If no agreement is reached Brent Walker will be placed into receivership.

"I don't think very much has changed," Paul Spicer, a Lonrho director, said. "I don't think Lonrho found the proposals sufficiently attractive to give up our legal rights as bondholders." Mr Spicer said he hoped Lonrho's own restructuring plan would now be given further consideration. Lonrho wrote to Brent Walker's banks with more details of its plan yesterday.

While Lonrho's representatives walked out of the meeting, other bondholders tried to improve the terms being offered. A final effort to bring the two sides together will be launched today, to secure an agreement in time for tomorrow's annual meeting.

In the past few days, Brent Walker has been concentrating on persuading Michael Smurfit, the Irish businessman with 25 per cent of the bonds, to accept the revised terms. His 25 per cent is considered sufficient to secure the 75 per cent majority to enable the refinancing to go ahead.

EC vets Thomson venture

Brussels — The European Commission said it was vetting plans by Thomson, of France, to take joint control of Pilkington Optronics with the British firm's parent, Pilkington. The commission said Thomson UK Holdings, Thomson's subsidiary, is buying 49 per cent of Pilkington Optronics, which makes electro-optical products, leaving the two parent companies sharing control of the firm. The plan needs commission approval.

Thomson CSF operates in the electronics and defence systems sector while Pilkington manufactures glass and related products.

Under Community rules on merger control, the Commission has one month to approve the venture or open a full inquiry. *(Reuter)*

Abbey National to acquire Scottish Mutual for £285m

By Lindsay Cook, Money Editor

ABBEY National is to pay £285 million for Scottish Mutual, the life assurance company. This is Abbey's first major acquisition since the former building society was floated in 1989, when it raised £975 million.

Before the deal can go ahead on January 1, Scottish Mutual's 300,000 with-profits policyholders will be given a vote. They are being offered a bonus, roughly equivalent to their annual reversionary bonus. This is likely to work out at £285 per policyholder. At least 75 per cent of policyholders who vote must be in favour of the takeover and demutualisation of the life company and then the Court of Session in Scotland must approve the deal. Scottish Mutual's board is recommending the proposal.

Peter Birch, chief executive of Abbey, the second-largest mortgage lender, said it has, for some time, wanted to "manufacture" as well as sell life assurance products. Abbey now plans, with Scottish Mutual, to establish Abbey National Life, which should sell a range of Abbey-branded products through its 681 branches and 431 estate agencies from January 1993. The Glasgow life company will continue to sell policies through independent advisers. Abbey became the appointed representative of Friends Provident in January 1988, and since then, has been able to sell only Friends Provident investment products through its branches.

Abbey had talks with a number of larger companies and decided on Scottish Mutual, the 25th-largest UK life assurer, because the "chemistry" of the two organisations was similar. Scottish Mutual's investment performance record is not as strong as Friends Providents', although Douglas Patrick, chief executive, said it was "nothing to be ashamed of".

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Accounts board shows its teeth

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

COMPANIES reporting for periods ending after March 23 next year will have to give shareholders a new compulsory annual statement of cash flows, the first new reporting standard to be imposed by the Accounting Standards Board.

The new statement, which can be used from today and replaces the sources and uses of funds statement, will separate cash generated from operations, interest, investment and external financing in a clearer form.

David Tweedie, chairman of the ASB, said: "This will make crystal clear what is happening to the life blood of the company." It would also help to show the quality of a company's earnings and the effect of the year's operations on its balance sheet, he said.

The ASB is likely to publish a draft standard on profit and loss accounts in November, which will eliminate most of the extraordinary items that are far more prevalent in accounts in Britain than other countries.

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Bank opens college for capitalism

By Neil Bennett
Banking Correspondent

THE Bank of England is to give central bankers of the former communist bloc lessons in the workings of the capitalist system. Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the Governor of the Bank, announced the foundation of the Centre for Central Banking Studies yesterday, as part of an international effort, co-ordinated by the International Monetary Fund, to provide eastern European states with the technical assistance to develop financial markets.

The centre has already been operating unofficially, run by Michael Hewitt, a senior Bank official, and so far has been visited by 135 central bankers from eastern Europe.

Leigh-Pemberton: warning

The Bank has despatched several of its senior officials into eastern Europe to offer their services. One is currently advising the Polish government on the workings of the money markets, while others are running courses in Bucharest and Prague. A course has even been run for officials from China. In November, however, the centre will receive its most illustrious visitors to date. The chairman of the state banks in the Soviet Union's republics will arrive in London for a two-week course.

Mr Leigh-Pemberton said: "The formerly centrally planned economies are only just beginning to discover the responsibilities of a central bank. They will have to learn what monetary policy can and cannot achieve. The task is huge and we need to help these central banks."

He was speaking to the American Chamber of Commerce about economic reform in the Soviet Union. Earlier he warned the audience of the threat of inflation in the Soviet Union as centralised control over spending by the various republics began to weaken.

"Current control mechanisms are dangerously inadequate. This is a fundamental structural defect," he said. "The situation is already difficult and could become worse if there is less control over budgetary spending." State bankers who attend the Bank of England's new college can expect a stern lesson on the perils of budgetary deficits.

The Governor said the West had a responsibility to maintain an open trading environment, and to encourage trade with eastern Europe. "Trade, rather than aid, is the best gift we can make. If we succeed we shall have demonstrated that markets are the best route to economic prosperity and political stability."

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MFI unveils full-year loss of £24.2m

By Gillian Bowditch

MFI, the furniture group burdened with £505 million debts after its £718 million management buyout in 1987, has still not fixed a date for its flotation. In July 1988, the group said it expected to float within three years and have a market value of £1 billion.

Yesterday, Derek Hunt, the group's chairman, unveiled a pre-tax loss of £24.2 million (£3.5 million loss) for the year to April 27 and said that no decision would be made about the flotation until the financial year end. He said there was no pressure from institutional shareholders to float.

Staff were reduced by 700 last year and a further 330 jobs have gone in the current year. Mr Hunt, whose salary rose 11 per cent to £220,000, said he did not know when the group would return to profitability. "Tell me when the upturn is going to be," he said.

MFI increased its turnover by 4 per cent to £621 million but saw operating profits fall by 15 per cent to £47 million. The interest charge increased 19 per cent to £78.8 million. There was a £2.9 million extraordinary charge for closing concessions in Do It All.

The group has not yet benefited from the reduction in interest rates because the hedging on £85 million of debt has now expired, £155 million of debt has converted from fixed rates to floating rates and £50 million of interest-free debt is now interest-bearing. Interest charges should decline by £5 million this year.

The group is not due to repay any of the debt until April 1992 when £15 million becomes repayable. Mr Hunt said he was extremely confident that the group would be able to repay that sum. A further £25 million is payable in November 1992, followed by £30 million in April 1993.

The company opened 11 new stores in the year but sales on a like-for-like basis were down on last year. Sales per square foot fell from £97.33 to £95.98.

JAMES CALVERT-JONES

Floating date: Derek Hunt, MFI chairman, is waiting for the right time to go public

Lep confirms 82% plunge

By Matthew Bond

SHARES in Lep Group closed 7p higher at 27p, as the company confirmed Monday's warning of an 82 per cent fall in interim pre-tax profits to £1.9 million for the six months to end-June. John Read, chairman, also confirmed that he expected full-year profits to be less than half £29.4 million the company made in 1990. The interim dividend has been scrapped (2p).

As operating profits declined from £22.9 million to £19 million, pre-tax profits were hit by a 37 per cent increase in the group's interest charge to £17.1 million. Net borrowings rose to £470 million, giving a gearing level of around 225 per cent.

The company said bankers accounting for 85 per cent of its debt had agreed a refinancing package and that the agreement of the remaining 15 per cent was expected soon.

EBRD issue raises £350m

By Wolfgang Münchau
European Business Correspondent

THE European Bank for Reconstruction and Development yesterday raised 500 million ecus (£350 million) to fund lending in central and eastern Europe, in the first fundraising issue by the London based bank.

The funds were raised in the City through the issue of a Eurobond with a five-year pay-back period. The size of the bank's first bond issue was surprisingly high, particularly as overall borrowing is limited to Ecu800 million until the end of next year. The bank justified the size of the issue as necessary to establish it as a large borrower in the market. Other issues will follow.

The bond issue, lead-managed by Morgan Stanley International, the investment bank, was awarded a triple-A rating by America's two leading credit rating agencies.

The bonds were offered to investors at an issue price of 99.83 per cent of their face value, with an annual coupon of 8.875 per cent. This results in a yield of 8.92 per cent.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

SR Gent plunges 79% to £1.08m

A SUDDEN, sharp downturn in the second half led to a 79 per cent drop in pre-tax profits at SR Gent, the Marks and Spencer supplier, and has resulted in 750 jobs being lost. The group made a second-half loss of £200,000. Pre-tax profits for the year to end-June were £1.08 million (£5.04 million).

There was a £2.36 million extraordinary charge for closure costs, causing a loss for the year of £1.89 million. Earnings per share fell 84 per cent to 1.3p and the final dividend has been cut 33 per cent to 0.75p, making 2p for the year. The shares were unchanged at 49p.

Clifford Foods lifts payout

CLIFFORD Foods, the dairy products, fruit juices and chilled foods group, is raising its interim dividend to 4.4p (4p), in spite of a dip in pre-tax profits to £2.55 million (£2.68 million) in the six months to end-June, on turnover down to £70.3 million (£72.6 million). Earnings per share slipped to 10.23p (10.51p). The company said that profits were adversly affected by lower dairy products volumes.

Dagenham falls to £1m

PRE-TAX profits at Dagenham Motors Group, the Ford motor dealer, fell to £1.01 million in the six months to end-June, down from £1.8 million last time. Group turnover was reduced to £61.1 million, against £63.8 million previously. Earnings per share slide to 4p (7.3p), with fully diluted earnings at 3.9p (6.7p). The interim dividend is maintained at 1.75p. The shares lost 3p to 117p.

Hogg advances 14%

THE gradual upturn in world insurance markets allowed Hogg Group, the insurance broker, to increase pre-tax profits 14 per cent to £8.26 million in the first half of the year. Turnover rose 17 per cent to £55.9 million as brokerage income grew by an underlying 9 per cent. James Vaughn, the chairman, said that the best performance came from Britain.

The interim dividend is being increased by 5 per cent to 3.15p. The rise in profits was restricted by static investment income of £3.56 million. The figures do not include any contribution from Hogg's members agency. This will be included at the full year.

Lithuania in phone move

THE government of Lithuania has taken steps to modernise its telecommunications, awarding a mobile telephony licence to a consortium that includes Millicom, the American telecommunications group, and the Vilnius Telephone Network. Throughout eastern Europe, mobile telecommunications have emerged as the most efficient choice because they are faster to set up than traditional systems.

Inchcape Pacific up

INCHCAPE Pacific, the wholly owned Far East arm of Inchcape, the international services and marketing group, announced a profit after tax and minority interests 51 per cent up at HK$272 million (£19.4 million) in the six months to end-June. Turnover was HK$7.3 billion, a 20 per cent rise. Inchcape Pacific predicted a strong 1991 if present economic conditions are maintained.

Spirax-Sarco slides

SPIRAX-SARCO Engineering reported lower pre-tax profits of £10.2 million (£12 million) for the six months ended June 30, and said there was still no sign of improved trading conditions in its markets around the world.

Trading profit in the half year was virtually unchanged at £11.5 million, but the company paid £1.35 million in interest charges compared with a net interest receipt of £446,000 previously. Interim turnover was £73.5 million against £70.5 million in the previous period, and the interim dividend is held at 2.7p a share, paid out of net earnings of 76.9p (9.5p) a share.

Oceonics recovers

OCEONICS Group which now focuses on oil-related surveys and pipeline positioning, reports taxable profits of £938,000 for the year to end-March. Losses were £1.89 million in the previous 12 months, which included an exceptional charge of £3.24 million. Earnings per share were 0.4p, against losses of 2.7p, but there is again no dividend.

Dencora falls

Pre-tax profits at Dencora collapsed from £1.51 million to £210,000 in the six months to end-June. As usual, there is no interim dividend.

Thorpe ahead

Thorpe (FW) reports pre-tax profits up from £1.37 million to £1.6 million in the year to end-June. A final dividend of 1.45p makes 2.15p (1.87p).

CIL rises

Taxable profits at Cambridge Isotope Laboratories recovered to $344,000 in the six months to end-May, up from $220,000.

Tile firm dips

Fired Earth Tiles' half-time pre-tax profits fell to £136,000 (£454,000). The interim dividend is held at 1.625p.

Furniture cushions Cornwell

By Philip Pangalos

A STRONG performance by the furniture division helped Cornwell Parker, the furniture and fabrics manufacturer, to turn in a relatively resilient performance, with an 8 per cent decline in full-year profits.

Pre-tax profits slipped to £8.05 million in the year to end-July, down from £8.71 million last time. Turnover edged up to £92.8 million (£92.4 million).

The furniture division, which includes Parker Knoll and Nathan, bucked the trend with a 23 per cent increase in trading profits to £5.65 million, on turnover of £58.2 million (£56 million).

However, trading profits from the fabrics division fell by nearly 40 per cent to £2.94 million, on turnover down to £34.6 million (£36.4 million).

Martin Jourdan, chairman, is hopeful for the future. "There is absolutely no doubt we have passed the bottom of the recession," he said.

Earnings per share slip to 13.2p, down from 15.1p last time. The final dividend is maintained at 3.9p, making an unchanged total of 5.5p.

Porter and Domino join cash call queue

By Our City Staff

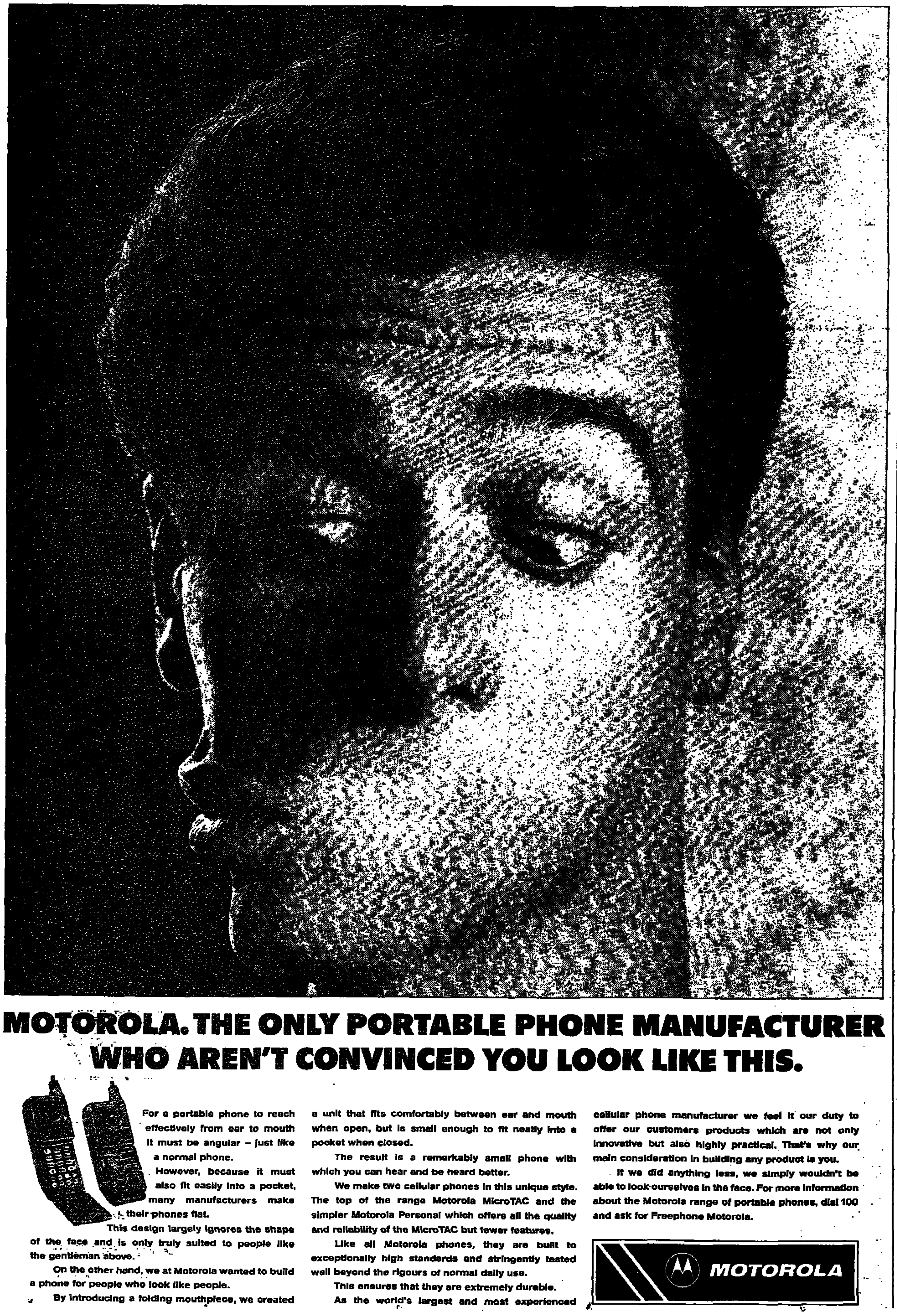
THE steady stream of companies looking to the market for fresh cash is continuing, with a further £35.6 million being raised in two separate rights issues.

Porter Chadburn, the consumer leisure products and distribution group, plans to raise £20.3 million through the issue of 32.3 million new ordinary shares, on a one-for-two basis, at 65p per share. Porter shares ended 6p lower at 77p.

The proceeds from the issue will be used to eliminate bank borrowings and strengthen the balance sheet, enabling further acquisitions. Porter has spent about £8 million on acquisitions in the past three months.

Domino Printing Sciences, the Cambridge ink jet printing specialist, is looking to raise about £15.3 million through a rights issue of 5.08 million shares, on a one-for-four basis, at 310p per share. The company plans to use the proceeds from the issue to expand core operations and to seize opportunities in allied fields.

Domino forecasts pre-tax profits of at least £8.8 million for the year to end-October, a rise of 44 per cent on last year. The board intends to recommend a final dividend of 4.15p, up 20 per cent. Domino shares added 12p to 398p.



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A waste of political energy

COMMENT

Everybody seems to agree that burning oil is wicked and conserving energy is good. But the European Commission's proposal for two new Euro-taxes, on energy generally and on fossil fuels will open two cans of worms, labelled politics and economics.

Politically, the Brussels plan is bound to be opposed by national governments, especially Britain's. As the first ever proposal for a Community-wide tax, it will be seen as the thin end of a very wide wedge, leading eventually to a unified EC fiscal system with national treasuries relegated to the status of local tax-collectors.

The commission has also rightly noted that taxing energy would mean competitive disaster for European industries unless America and Japan did the same. They have already refused to contemplate such a move.

Even if the plan does not make immediate political sense, however, the ideas behind it are bound to keep reappearing. So does it make economic sense?

A reasoned debate on energy economics, if this is not an oxymoron, should begin by noting that raising energy prices can do enormous economic harm, as demonstrated by the collapse of long-term productivity growth throughout the world after the two Opec oil shocks. The question is whether the costs of not raising energy prices are even greater. On this point, three totally unconnected arguments for raising fossil fuel prices artificially are all too often confounded. These are environmental worries, "national security" and old-fashioned economic protectionism.

The environmental argument is the only legitimate one from an economic standpoint. Economists are not qualified to judge the reality or otherwise of the greenhouse effect; but if the greenhouse effect is a scientific fact, then taxes on fossil fuels are one way to tackle it. If Brussels is worried about the greenhouse effect, why not act against greenhouse gas emissions directly, by lowering speed limits, imposing punitive levies on powerful cars, pricing roads to reduce congestion and introducing industrial taxes that bear specifically on carbon dioxide production instead of oil consumption?

The answer is that the greenhouse argument has been mixed up with an emotional over-reaction against Europe's supposedly excessive dependence on Middle Eastern oil. The national security case against oil imports is unconvincing.

If the world is vulnerable to the Opec oil weapon, that is mainly because of irrational and incompetent stockpiling policies of western oil companies and governments, as was demonstrated during the confrontation with Saddam Hussein. Saudi Arabia is the only country with a big enough share of the world's oil capacity to threaten global supplies and in the long run, even the Saudis need the West's energy markets more than the world needs their oil. In any case, the costs of protecting this tiny nation are much smaller than the costs of accepting permanently high oil prices.

Indeed, the national security case against using oil contains more than a smidgeon of old-fashioned mercantilism. Innately protectionist countries such as Italy and France were using high taxes to discourage oil consumption long before anyone heard of greenhouse effects or Saddam Hussein. Their reason for curbing oil consumption was simple — oil was not produced in Italy or France. When France proposes a tax on nuclear power which reflects the European public's perception of its environmental danger, and when the Italians stop polluting the Mediterranean, there will be a stronger case for Britain to accept a Euro-tax on fossil fuels.

New habit

The City has every right to view Abbey National's first major diversification with apprehension. Banks as a whole have an appalling record for making poor acquisitions and it would be sad to see Abbey joining that melacholic club. Since arriving on the stock market in 1989, Abbey has succeeded by sticking to the businesses it knows, savings and mortgages. The exceptions have been a growing sophistication in the bank's money market operations and a tentative continental expansion.

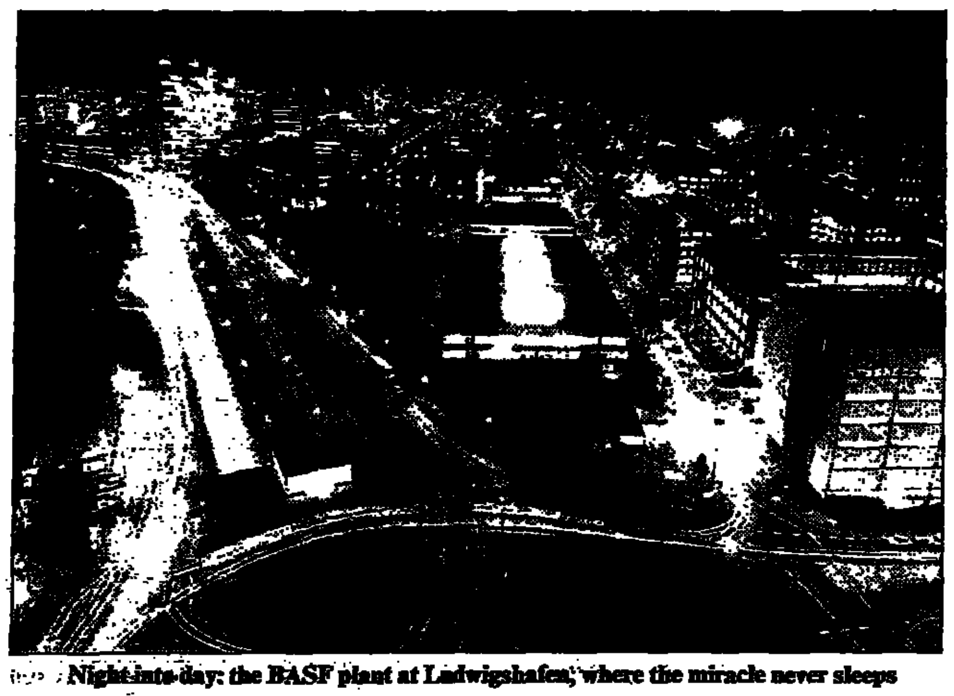
As a result, profits and dividends have increased steadily, while shareholders have seen their investment more than double. To be fair, no one has been more cautious about expansion than Peter Birch, the chief executive. He has been haunted by the history of the TSB, which spent and lost vast sums in an ill-conceived attempt to become a broad financial services group.

Mr Birch has, however, pined for a life assurance subsidiary. The bank's tie with Friends Provident showed the size of the life assurance market Abbey commands through its 681 branches and 431 estate agencies, a profit stream waiting to be tapped. Lloyds Bank's union with Abbey Life showed such a link could be successful.

Abbey National has finally spent £285 million on Scottish Mutual, having been rebuffed by many others. With £1.8 billion in funds, Scottish Mutual is large enough to handle the increased flow of business from Abbey's branches, although its recent performance leaves useful room for improvement. Mr Birch's wish has been granted. He must now demonstrate he can avoid the errors of his competitors.

Where training brings success in a long-running economic miracle

Industrialists in Germany understand the value and reap the benefits of investing in their workforce



Night into day: the BASF plant at Ludwigshafen, where the miracle never sleeps

ON THE first floor of a modern block in the biggest chemical plant in the world, five teenagers are lolling at a hexagonal workbench, joking, playing cards, drinking Coke. Teabreak in the German economic miracle. Just feet away, as many if not more youngsters work straight through, absorbed in the *elektrotechnik* training that will help carry the miracle forward.

Although a study published yesterday by the Anglo-German foundation suggests that the superiority of German training may be overstated, industrial training in Germany is seen by the UK government as the standard Britain must reach if it is to improve its workforce, and hence its industrial performance and economic competitiveness.

According to Britain's National Economic Development Office, all 16-year-olds and 92 per cent of 17-year-olds in Germany are in full- or part-time education or training. In the UK, comparable figures are 91 per cent and 75 per cent. Britain spends overall about £20 billion on training although few UK companies can work out how much they actually spend on training.

BASF, the German chemical company, spends DM216 million a year on training. Trainees make up 7 per cent of the company's 130,000 employees, higher than the average 5 per cent for the German chemical industry. More than two-thirds of the company's workforce have received some training. But Dr Klaus Kiepe, head of training at BASF, is not concerned at the cost: "Training is an investment in the future of the company."

Investment in each trainee costs BASF about DM140,000. There are 3,900 trainees at its huge Ludwigshafen works on the banks of the Rhine, which is 3.5 miles long, has 1,700 buildings and 57,000 workers — Europe's biggest industrial complex, it uses more electricity than Czechoslovakia.

BASF's corporate attitude to training is precisely the one that Michael Howard, the employment secretary, wants to engender among British companies. In Germany, training is an inextricable part of the economy and social life. Dr Kiepe says: "It's impossible for a young girl or boy not to go into technical training or a university."

German industrial training has a 400-year history; in BASF, it has been part of the company for 111 years. Five years ago, companies could pick and choose who they wanted to train. Now, with demographic change slicing into the number of young people available, the company has to compete hard for employees with Bayer and Hoechst, its main rivals, let alone Deutsche Bank, Mercedes or BMW. As in Britain, training in Germany is now a driven necessity, pushed by demography, technological change and the need to sustain growth.

Chemical companies have a particular problem. Often for good historical reasons, potential recruits — especially graduates — judge them as environmentally damaging.

To try to increase their attractiveness, a company such as BASF has to offer a range of benefits — everything from interest-free mortgages and private medical care to yoga and an 80,000-volume company library — high pay and good training.

One aspect of the German system is that school and work are much more closely linked than, say, in Britain. For youngsters, BASF smoothes the transition from school to work. Well before they start, there are school and site visits, regular letters from the company, meals together with other new recruits, an induction ball "godfathered" by a current employee — anything so that, as the company says, "the transition from school to work does not become such a shocking experience".

For trainees entering at 17 or 18, the training programme can last up to six years, until the sought-after *Industriemeister* level is reached. In one training block, after the card-playing is over, the trainees get right back to it: electronics, pneumatics, hydraulics, computing, CNC machine tools. And, of course, the traditional, UK-style manufacturing industry skill acquisition: filing metal. "They learn that work is hard," says Bernd Feldmeth, from the company's training department.

All 16-year-olds and 92 per cent of 17-year-olds in Germany are undergoing education or training

Michael Towler, a 21-year-old from Manchester, knows it. He has been working hard in Ludwigshafen for six weeks, prior to returning to Bristol university to begin a PhD in chemistry. But the slowness of the German training system means that, for him, it has not been of that much practical value. "I'm doing things I was doing eight years ago at school," he says.

German training specialists insist that the distinctive advantage of their system is its dual nature, the blend of the theoretical and the practical. But for a company like BASF, training goes hand in hand with what is in effect lifetime employment. "It's quite normal," says Dr Kiepe, "for a young boy or girl to come into the company and stay for 40 or 45 years." While this view makes American and British MBA graduates employed by BASF wince, it is the vital part of the implicit German social compact of long-term commitment between employer and employee.

In Britain, when downturns come, labour-shedding is virtually a reflex action for many companies: training investment gets shed with it. But even in the depths of a recession, like now, the Japanese and German companies, in for the long haul with lifetime employment buttressed by extensive training, are still taking people on, still making the investment.

Apart from exceptions like Marks and Spencer, or German and Japanese companies which have set up in the UK, companies in Britain still do not have that reciprocal deal where training investment is not immediately sold by the trained employee to the highest bidder, and in return the training company maintains employment, and reaps the benefit.

At BASF, training managers acknowledge the fundamental inter-relationship of the two, and their value to economic success. BASF's card-playing teenagers might look idle; but they know they are playing their cards right for a sound industrial and economic future.

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Changing the rules over cash flow

THE first new financial reporting standard from the Accounting Standards Board introduces the most crucial guide to whether companies are likely to go under: a compulsory statement of cash flow. That somewhat exaggerates its novelty.

The new rule stems from drafts made by the former voluntary Accounting Standards Committee and is, in comparison with some of the heated arguments between auditors and finance directors, virtually a product of consensus. Yet the changes called for by the cash flow standard epitomise the aims of the ASB under David Tweedie, its full-time chairman.

Cash flow statements will be harder to fiddle and easier for users to understand. The standard has also been put out quickly to deal with a pressing need at a moment when every investor most wants to cut through ambiguous profit statements to see how companies' life blood of real cash is surviving the recession.

There was plenty of room for improvement in the compulsory statements of sources and uses of funds that they will directly replace for all companies with year ends after March 23 next year. These were meant to show where the cash was coming and going, but told more about working capital.

Mr Tweedie has also adapted the ASC's proposals in modest but significant ways. Details of interest receipts and payments are teased out and, most important, a line is drawn to show companies' net cash inflow or outflow before financing. In effect, this introduces a plc borrowing requirement. To avoid complaints of bureaucracy, smaller companies are exempted.

Tweedie: new standard

The downside of this fast-track approach to tackling accounting issues is that some problems are left hanging, to be clarified later.

In the case of the cash flow statement, these can be significant. Should a distinction be made between cash available to head office and cash stuck in some account abroad where it cannot be used freely for group purposes — a point of some interest to investors in Polly Peck? At what rates of exchange should cash in foreign currencies be translated, especially where high inflation forces frequent devaluations? Most controversially, should companies be forced to disclose their borrowing limits and conditions, which have so often brought nasty surprises?

Leaving such loose ends looks a price worth paying, however. Mr Tweedie's message to companies is that they should not bother to devise ways of accounting that pull the wool over the eyes of investors and creditors. His future programme, which covers most of the areas most susceptible to manipulation, should convince the sceptical.

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Restaurant's City Thais

A CLOUD of garlic, chilli and oriental spices will be wafting over the Square Mile this evening, as the 30 or so shareholders in Sri Siam, a Thai restaurant in Soho, celebrate the opening of their second establishment, Sri Siam City, in London Wall. All but one of the shareholders are stockbrokers or fund managers. The company's City origins can be traced back to an in-house luncheon hosted by Freddie Cremer, head of the Far Eastern desk at WI Carr three and a half years ago, where he mentioned that it had been his ambition to own a restaurant. All talk about shares, pension funds and capital gains tax ceased and the guests, who included Michael Paterson, who runs the Far Eastern desk at Swiss Bank, and Andy Hobbs of Kimeng, the Singaporean broker, hatched a plan to launch a £240,000 business expansion scheme. A further £260,000 has been raised to launch the second restaurant and Cremer predicts that there could be more to come.

A PRESS release from the trade department waxes lyrical about Theo Fossel, who makes and exports walking sticks from his home in Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire. He has "been commissioned to make sticks for the Queen Mother on her 90th birthday, for the Sultan of Oman and Nelson Rockerfella". Nelson who?

'Taffia' rule

WITH Welshman David Prosser barely a week into his new job as chief executive of Legal & General, the fourth largest insurance group in Britain, there are already signs of a "taffia" developing at the top of the company. At the end of October, John Morgan who, like Prosser, grew up in Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan, will become Legal & General's chief press officer, filling the vacancy sadly created on June 17 when Gordon Macdonald, a popular character, who suffered a fatal heart attack. Morgan, aged 37, formerly the personal finance editor for Thomson Regional Newspapers, is at present employed as a press relations manager for National Westminster Bank. Asked about the formation of a taffia, Morgan says: "I certainly felt very at ease with him. It can't be a bad thing to understand each other's background."

CAROL LEONARD

WORLD MARKETS

Dow advances in morning trading

New York — Prices moved in a narrow range at modestly lower levels in choppy and directionless trading in the late morning. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 3 points to 3,032.07.

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares extended early gains to close moderately higher. The Nikkei index was up 243.72 points to 23,577.42. Turnover was 400 million shares, compared with 334 million on Tuesday.

☐ **Sydney** — The market finished firmer on the back of soaring bonds, lower inflationary expectations and a jump on Wall Street. The all-ordinaries index ended at 1,562.0, a rise of 6.5 points.

☐ **Frankfurt** — Prices reversed early gains to end slightly lower, but traders said the downturn was coincidental and did not reflect a clear trend. The Dax index fell 1.22 points to 1,625.41.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Shares closed easier in one of the thinnest day's trading in months. The Hang Seng index closed 2.24 points down at 3,901.95.

☐ **Singapore** — Prices fell in stop-loss sales and the index fell below the psychological support level of 1,380 points. The Straits Times industrial index lost 3.78 to 1,377.46.

(Reuter)

WALL STREET

	Sep 25 midday	Sep 24 close		Sep 25 midday	Sep 24 close		Sep 25 midday	Sep 24 close
Abbott Lab	53%	53½	Enron	67	67%	Oryx Enrgy	33%	33%
Aetna Life	33%	33%	Entergy	25%	25%	Pac Ent	28%	29%
Ahmanson	17%	17%	Ethyl	23%	24%	Pac Gas Elec	28%	28%
Air Prods	63%	64%	Exxon	59%	59%	Pac Telesis	41%	41%
Albertsons	39%	39	Fed NMA	64	63%	Paccar	47%	46%
Alcan Al	19%	19%	Fedrl Exprs	36%	36%	Pacificorp	22%	22%
Alco Stand	34	33%	Flt Norstar	22%	23%	Pall	38	38
Allied Signal	37%	37%	Fluor	42%	42	Paramount	36%	35%
Alumin CA	68	69%	FMC	47	46%	Parker-Hanfn	25%	24%
Am Brands	44%	44%	Ford Motor	29%	29%	Penney	50	60%
Am Cyanmd	65%	66	FPL	32%	32%	Pennzoil	66%	65%
Am EPC	30%	30%	Fst Chicago	25%	25%	Pepsico	26%	26%
Am General	39%	39%	Fst Intrsta	31%	31%	Pfizer	63%	64%
Am Home	69%	69%	Fst Union	27	27%	Phlps Pet	25%	26%
Am Intl	82%	83	Gannett	40%	40	Phlps Elec	22%	22%
Am Stores	35%	35	GAP	45	45%	Phlp Morris	71%	72%
Amax	20%	20%	Gen Cinema	20%	20%	Phlps Dodge	74	74%
Amer Hess	58	57%	Gen Elec	69%	69%	Pitney Bow	60%	61
Ameritech	61%	61%	Gen Mills	60%	60%	Placer Dm	11%	11%
Amex	26	26%	Gen Motors	36%	37	PNC Fncl	40%	40
Amoco	51%	50%	Gen RE	87	87%	Pnhdle Estn	13%	13%
AMP	51%	51%	Gen Signal	46%	46%	Polaroid	24%	24%
AMR	56%	56%	Genuine Pts	43%	43%	PPG Inds	54%	54%
Anheuser-B	55%	54	Georgia-Pac	55%	54%	Proctr Gmble	84%	84%
Apple Comp	n/a	49%	Gillette	41	41	Price	60%	58%
Archer-Dan	25%	25%	Goodrich	44%	44%	Primerica	35%	35%
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Armco	4%	4%	Grace	37	36%	Quaker Oats	58%	57%
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Ashland Oil	30%	30%	Gt Western	16%	17%	Raytheon	80%	79
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CAI	7%	7%	Kellogg	107%	106%	Sun Co	31%	31%
Campbell Sp	75%	75	Kerr-McGee	42%	41%	Suntst Bk	36	35%
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Corning	70%	70%	Monsanto	66%	65%	Unilever	83%	83%
CPC Intl	86%	87%	Moore	24	24	Unisys	5	5
Crown Cork	91	91%	Morgan JP	59	59%	Unocal	24%	25
CSX	50%	50%	Motorola	60%	61%	Upjohn	45%	44%
Dana	30%	30%	Nat Medical	23%	23%	US Life	40%	40%
Dayton-Hud	73%	73%	Nat Semi	4%	4%	US West	35	35%
Deere	55	54%	Nat Service	23%	23%	Usair Gp	10	10%
Delta Air	64%	64%	Navistar	2%	2%	USF&G	7%	7%
Deluxe	47%	47	NCNB	36%	36%	UST	49	48%
Detroit Ed	31%	31%	NCR	108	108	USX Mar	32	32
Digital Eq	54%	55%	NED Bncp	42%	42%	Utd Tech	46%	45%
Dillard	132%	132%	Newmnt Min	38	38%	Utd Telcm	24%	24%
Disney	113%	114%	Niagr Mhwk	16%	16%	VF	34%	34%
Dominion	50%	50%	Nike	53%	52%	Wal-Mart	49%	49%
Donnelley	45%	45%	NL Indstrs	13%	13%	Waste Mgmt	36%	36%
Dover	39%	39%	Nordstorm	45%	45%	Wells Fargo	75	75%
Dow Chem	52%	51%	Norflk Sthn	52%	53%	Westg Elec	22%	22%
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Du Pont	45%	45	Nthn Telcm	39%	39%	Whitman	12%	12%
Duke Pwr	31	30%	NY Times	22%	22%	Winn-Dixie	36%	36%
Dun Bradst	47%	47%	Nynex	76%	76%	Woolworth	28%	29%
East Kodak	42%	42%	Occid Petrl	23%	23%	Wrigley	62%	62%
Eaton	63	63	Ohio Edl	19%	19%	Wrner-Lamb	70%	71%
Emerson El	46	46%	Oracle Sys	13%	11%	Xerox	61%	60%

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Alld-Lyons	1,473	CU	382	Lucas	159	Sainsbury	2,114
Anglian	307	Courtaulds	2,227	M&S	4,916	Scot & N	1,501
ASDA	38,212	Enterprise	806	Maxwell Cm	413	ScotPower	21,210
AB Foods	126	Eurotunnel	1,420	MEPC	2,640	Sears	3,265
Argyll	5,551	Fisons	1,324	Midland	2,065	Severn Trnt	134
Arjo Wigg	1,970	Forte	749	Natl Power	21,054	Shell	6,529
BAA	3,643	Gen Acc	256	Nat West	4,679	Smith & N	7,784
BET	3,133	GEC	5,338	N W Water	558	SK Beech	1,870
BTR	2,039	Glaxo	1,290	P&O	682	Sun Allnce	1,509
BAT	4,953	Grand Met	1,836	Pearson	264	Tarmac	2,973
Barclays	3,218	GUS 'A'	998	Pilkington	1,990	Tate Lyle	876
Bass	1,292	GRE	679	PowerGen	6,199	TSB	1,342
BICC	1,829	Guinness	1,441	Prudential	1,755	Tesco	2,428
Bk Scotlnd	2,070	Hanson	6,001	Rank	128	Thames Wtr	312
Blue Circle	776	Hawker	730	R&C	270	Thorn EMI	1,118
BOC	2,743	Hillsdown	983	Redland	188	Trafalgar	877
Boots	2,081	ICI	1,924	Reed	1,148	Ultramar	2,542
Br Aero	2,025	Inchcape	1,445	Rentokil	28	Unilever	1,026
Br Airways	1,365	Kingfisher	1,190	Reuters	975	United Bis	820
Br Gas	11,089	Lasmo	295	RMC Gp	88	Vodafone	4,819
Br Petrol	15,009	Ladbroke	1,442	RTZ	3,820	Wellcome	266
Br Steel	3,294	Land Sec	2,125	R-Royce	2,209	Whitbrd	1,214
Br Telecm	1,965	L&G	469	Rothmans 'B'	66	Williams	973
C&W	8,266	Lloyds	1,066	Royal Bank	2,221	Willis Cor	601

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Aberforth Split (100p)	109 +1
Adam & Harvey	195
Airbreak Leis	41
Alliance Res	18
Capital Ventures	110
Claremont Gmts (175p)	185
Contra-Cyclical (100p)	111
County Smlr Inv	96
Culver Hldgs (4p)	5
Drayton Blue Chip (100p)	101
EFM Inc Tst (85p)	88
East Germany Inv (100p)	120
Etonbrook	88
Eurocamp (225p)	263 +3
Fleming Emerg Mkt	100
Gartmore Inc (100p)	111 +1
Gartmore Cap (100p)	98 +1
Geared Inc (100p)	103
Greencore	220
Headline Book (100p)	129
Kleinwort High Inc	108 +1
Lowndes Lambert (290p)	321 +3
Manchester Utd (385p)	288
Mirror Group (125p)	90½ +1½
Moorgate Smlr Cos (100p)	118 +1
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Simpson of Cornhl	48
Sterling Tst	51 +1
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Putting Boddington to rights

THE Boddington Group is suffering growing pains, and shareholders should stand by to fund its continued expansion. The pressure shows in its figures for the first half of the year. Pre-tax profits fell 12 per cent to £7.52 million, because of a 94 per cent rise in the interest charge to £2.33 million.

The Manchester public house owner's rapid expansion is squeezing its balance sheet. Debts rose by two-thirds in the half year to £77 million, and have since increased by another £11 million. Despite this, the group is still negotiating to acquire chains of public houses, and seems likely to renew its bid for JA Devenish next summer.

Unfortunately, Boddington is not generating the cash to finance its ambitions. An extraordinary provision of £4.19 million against the disposals of the London restaurants, coupled with a charge of £3.27 million for the failed bid for Devenish, left the group nursing a retained loss of £4.34 million.

Clearly then, Denis Cassidy, the chairman, needs a rights issue soon to stabilise the situation.

Shareholders could then review the company's record. Boddington's disposal of its brewing interests and the investments in drinks wholesaling and nursing homes have been sound enough, but the group's three-year adventure in the London restaurant trade has been a complete disaster. The group has been forced to write off almost all its initial investment.

Profits of £20.5 million for the year put the shares at 162p on a *p/e* ratio of 12. High enough while Mr Cassidy plots his next move.

Cash round: Denis Cassidy, the Boddington chairman with expansive ambitions

BSG

BSG International's complaint, when explaining lower profits in the six months to end-June, is that in Australia and France they no longer do it with mirrors as they used to.

Mirror work — as in car wing and car interiors — is still buoyant business in Britain, and demand for children's car safety seats has also been good — not only as a function of safety concern and new regulations, but also of the birth rate.

Orders by airlines for lavatory compartments for Boeing 737 and 747, helped by a contract for business class seats from Singapore Airlines, put BSG's consumer and special products division strongly ahead in the first half.

However, setbacks within automotive components manufacturing and the vehicle distribution and leasing division clipped total pre-tax profits from £8.01 million to £6.51 million.

First-half figures bear a £700,000 redundancy charge, but gearing has eased from 45 per cent at last balance sheet to 39 per cent, and the interim dividend is held at 0.7p.

Sir Ron Brierley's IEP still holds 29.4 per cent of BSG, which will keep investment interest alive. Though 1991 profits could slip for the second successive year, possibly to £12 million (£13.1 million), a recovery to £15.5 million in 1992 is likely. On balance, the rating of 16.4 times prospective earnings, based on yesterday's 59p, up 7p, looks justified.

Geest

ANY company that can report a 10 per cent increase in earnings per share and an 11 per cent rise in interim dividend in the current economic climate is virtually guaranteed a warm welcome. So it came as little surprise that shares in Geest, the food group, responded to the company's impressive interim figures by rising 15p to 353p.

Pre-tax profits rose 7 per cent to a slightly higher than expected £15.1 million in the six months to end-June, tracking a similar rise in sales.

Although the company reported an encouraging 44 per cent rise in trading profits at its prepared food businesses, Geest's future is still heavily dependent on the banana, the product with which it is almost synonymous.

Here, the company is planning a two-pronged approach to deal with any changes in the European Community's banana regime after 1992. Bananas will continue to be sourced from the Windward Islands, an EC-protected market, but will also arrive from Costa Rica, an independent market in which Geest plans to invest $42 million to bring 3,000 hectares of new plantations into production by 1993.

With money also being spent on new ships and in improving ripening centres, the £50 million or so of capital spending planned for the next two years might be expected to place a strain on the balance sheet. Not for a company that generates cash like Geest, however. It finished the half year still with £20 million of cash and is optimistic of remaining cash-positive over the next 18 months.

Profits of about £27 million look likely for the current year, putting the shares on a price-earnings multiple of 13.3. Hold.

Fisher buys Fruco

ALBERT Fisher, the fresh food distribution group, is paying DM36 million to buy Fruco Fruchtehandel, a German distributor of fruit and vegetables.

The acquisition means that Albert Fisher, which already owns Horstman, becomes the second-largest fresh produce distributor in Germany.

Fruco has been bought from Willy Bruns, which has settled its dispute with the administrators of Polly Peck International. In 1989, Bruns sold Fruco to Polly Peck for DM47.5 million, but took 90 per cent of the consideration in Polly Peck shares. The deal has now been unravelled leaving Bruns free to sell Fruco to Albert Fisher, which is paying cash. In the year to end-December, Fruco's turnover was DM315 million.

Baltic holds dividend

Baltic suffered a 20 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £5.62 million in the first half of the year, because of the fall in activity in its main asset finance and property businesses. The group is holding its interim dividend at 1.83p, however.

The figures mark a sharp recovery from the second half of last year, when Baltic was hit by a £2.5 million provision against the collapsed International Leisure Group. The company said it was minimising bad debts in asset finance by concentrating on its lending book. Lower demand in lease broking and structured finance would hit profits in the whole year, the company added.

Johnston Press rises 11%

JOHNSTON Press, the Edinburgh publishing group, increased pre-tax profits by 11.3 per cent to £3.88 million in the six months to end-June. Turnover fell by £300,000 to £31.3 million and earnings per share rose 10.6 per cent to 9.4p. The interest charge fell from £222,000 to £42,000 and the interim dividend is up from 1.75p to 2p.

The newspaper publishing division, which has 56 titles from Fife to Sussex, held up well against the effects of the recession with the best performances coming from Scotland. Fred Johnston, the group's chairman, said: "Despite the recent guarded optimism of the Governor of the Bank of England, market conditions remain difficult. The results for the half year clearly reflect cost savings and good housekeeping rather than any bouyancy in the market place." Johnston's shares rose 14p to 285p.

Upturn delayed

Britain is continuing to "bump along" at the bottom of the recession and recovery is likely to be slow and lengthy. The quarterly commentary of the Fraser of Allander Institute, at Strathclyde University, said it was unlikely there would be much of an upturn before 1992. Although there were "faint signs" of a recovery in consumer spending, statistics suggested only a "very weak recovery" in the second half of this year.

STOCK MARKET

Institution unloads 22m Asda

THERE was further heavy trading in Asda, the troubled supermarket chain, after one disgruntled City institution decided to cut its losses after the recent collapse in the price.

The institution is estimated to have unloaded 22 million shares, or 2 per cent of the company, on the market yesterday. A total of 38 million shares changed hands.

A line of 5 million shares, priced at 61p, went through the market at 9.30am and was followed soon after by another line of 10 million, also at 61p. A further 8 million went through at 62p later in the day.

Dealers believe that these shares may have been overhanging the market for several days, so depressing the Asda price and fuelling speculation that the group was about to launch a £350 million rights issue to help reduce debts of almost £1 billion. Asda later rallied 4½p to 64p on claims that someone had begun a stake-building operation as the prelude to a full bid. But the group said it had not seen any unusual activity on its share register. The price tumbled 30 per cent last week after the group issued a profits warning and cut the dividend.

A two-way pull now seems to be developing in Asda, with some speculators pinning their hopes on a bid. Others take the view that the price has further to fall as the group continues to lose market share. The rest of the food retailers suffered an early mark-down on the appearance of another large seller. **Argyll** touched 281p before rallying to close 2p lighter at 285p. Prices of the other supermarket chains recovered with **Kwik Save** 6p higher at 579p, **Sainsbury** 1p better at 352p, and **Tesco** 2p firmer at 256p.

The latest bid activity cheered investors and enabled the equity market to advance towards the 2,600 level again. The FT-SE 100 index closed a shade below its best with a rise of 21.2 at 2,597.8. Turnover was again boosted by a few situations and almost 600 million shares were traded. The FT index of 30 shares rose 19.5 to 2,028.9. Government securities suffered falls of £¼ at the longer end, disappointed by the lukewarm reception given to the £1.5 billion auction.

Abbey National, the banking and financial services group, rose 13p to 306p after surprising the market with details of its first acquisition since going public in 1989. It is paying £285 million for the Scottish Mutual Assurance Society. The Abbey was at one stage believed to have have had talks with **London and Manchester**, 2p lighter at 358p.

Standard Chartered, the international banking group, was another firm market, climbing 21p to 371p on revived takeover speculation. Reports in the South African press claim that a consortium of international companies is preparing a bid for Standard, which was the target of an abortive bid by Lloyds Bank in the Eighties. They include Liberty Life Association of Africa, Germany's Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale and Union des Assurances de Paris, the state-owned insurer.

Donald Gordon, Liberty Life's chairman, said that there was no truth to the story. **Barclays** eased 1p to 459p, while there were gains for **Lloyds**, 7p to 396p, **Midland**, 1p to 254p, and **National Westminster**, 5p to 348p. There are signs that the power generators are starting to attract increased institutional support after their public debut. Salomon Brothers, the New York securities house, has been a big buyer of the generators. **National Power** rose 5p to 170p on a turnover of 21 million shares, while **PowerGen** improved 4p to 179p (6.1 million). **Scottish Hydro-Electricity** was up 1p to 116p (8.7 million) and **Scottish Power** gained 1p to 114½p (21 million). **Vodafone**, recently demerged from Racal Electronics, advanced 12p to 387p as speculators started to view the company as a takeover target. This came after the news that Bell Atlantic, the United States regional telephone company, had made an agreed £970 million offer for Metro Mobile CTS, the independent American cellular telephone operator.

Racal Electronics, the rump of the business after the demerger and currently the target of an aggressive £720 million bid from **Williams Holdings**, slipped ½p to 55½p. Williams eased 1p to 335p. **BSG International**, the car distributor, rose 7p to 59p despite the news of a setback in half-year figures.

Boddington, the public house and lesiure group, which made an abortive, £127 million bid for its rival Devenish in April, also saw interim pre-tax profits slide 12 per cent to £7.5 million. The company blamed the cost of the takeover battle for the setback and the shares held steady at 162p.

Geest, the fresh food distributor, surged 15p to 353p after reporting a 7 per cent rise in profits for the first six months. **Lep**, the freight forwarder and property group, rose 7p to 27p after confirming the bleak outlook with a drop in interim pre-tax profits from £10.4 million to £1.9 million.

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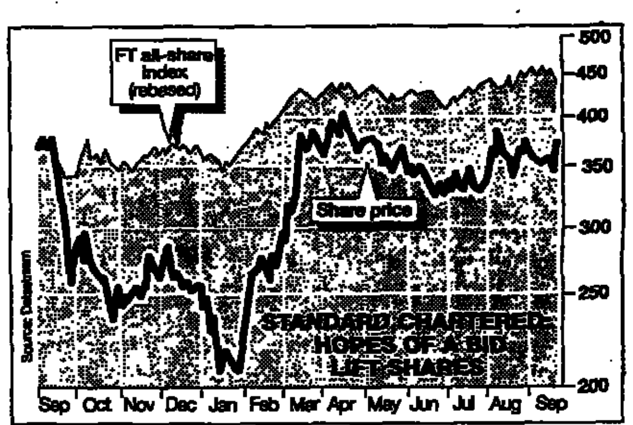

Quarto, the book packager, was steady at 120p after reporting half-year pre-tax profits virtually static at £1.2 million on Monday. The group gave a favourable presentation for a number of institutions on Tuesday. Analysts are now forecasting profits of £4 million for the full year.

Talk of a bid for Cadbury Schweppes from Philip Morris, the American food and tobacco group, was revived after the price put in a late rise to finish 9p better at 413p. Dealers were caught on the hop by Hoare Govett and Strauss Turnbull suddenly offering 2p above the ruling price.

T&S interim profit rises 14% to £7m

By OUR CITY STAFF

T&S STORES, the newsagents' and convenience stores group, is one of the few retail groups riding the recession without its profits shrinking. The group, which paid Next £54 million for the Dillons and Preedy chains in 1989, raised pre-tax profits by 14 per cent to £7.08 million in the six months to end-June. Turnover rose 11 per cent to £152 million and earnings per share 16 per cent to 7.57p.

The interim dividend is up 12.5 per cent to 2.25p. T&S now has 563 shops. A 21,500 sq ft warehouse is now operational in the West Midlands and the group intends to refit 110 stores in the current year and add about 50 new ones.

Kevin Threlfall, the chairman, said: "To some extent, the outcome for the full year will depend upon the return of consumer confidence. However, we have built the foundations for continued improvement and the directors remain confident in the future growth prospects of the company." The shares rose 2p to 230p on the news.

MAJOR INDICES

New York:	
Dow Jones	3028.40 (−0.67)*
S&P Composite	387.42 (−0.29)*
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	23577.42 (+243.72)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	3901.95 (−2.24)
FT-SE Euro 100	1108.34 (−2.31)
Amsterdam:	
CBS Tendency	90.6 (same)
Sydney: AO	1562.0 (+6.5)
Frankfurt: DAX	1625.41 (−1.22)
Brussels:	
General	5424.65 (−25.04)
Paris: CAC	497.15 (+1.83)
Zurich: SKA Gen	518.6 (−1.9)
London:	
FT.—A All-Share	1257.74 (+8.54)
FT.— "500"	1393.40 (+9.56)
FT. Gold Mines	163.7 (+2.4)
FT. Fixed interest	97.06 (−0.07)
FT. Govt Secs	87.36 (−0.16)
Bargains	28595
SEAQ Volume	596.2m
USM (Datastream)	129.04 (−1.20)

*Denotes midday trading price

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
September 23	October 4	December 23	January 6

Call options were taken out on: 25/9/91 Amstrad, ASDA, Aviva Petroleum, Salvesen Christian, MAI, P&P, Peter Christie Intnl, McCarthy & Stone, Speyhawk.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyons	550	83	102	115	6	16	22
(*622)	600	47	70	85	17	36	40
	650	24	46	62	46	60	62
ASDA	50	17	20	24	3½	5½	6
(*64)	60	9	17	20	6½	9½	11
	70	6	11	13	13	16	19
Bass	929	67	-	-	4	-	-
(*986)	977	30	-	-	17	-	-
	1026	9	-	-	47	-	-
Boots	390	39	47	57	2	7	9
(*422)	420	13	27	39	8	17	21
	460	2	11	21	40	43	46
Br Airways	160	26	29	34	1	4½	6½
(*183)	180	9	15	21	5	11	13
	200	3	6½	12	19	23	25
BP	300	35	38	42	1	3½	6½
(*329)	330	8½	18	23	7	14	17
	360	1½	6	10	32	33	36
Br Steel	120	12	15	18	1	3½	5
(*131)	130	5½	9	12	4	7½	8½
	140	1½	4	7½	11	14	15
C & W	500	66	78	-	2	7	-
(*565)	550	25	43	60	8½	21	26
	600	5	20	35	43	50	54
CU	460	63	76	-	1½	3	-
(*516)	500	26	42	53	5	13	19
	550	3½	16	26	37	39	43
Courtauld	420	55	65	77	1½	6	9
(*472)	460	21	36	50	8	17	20
	500	5	18	30	32	36	38
GKN	330	59	68	72	1	3	9
(*383)	360	31	44	50	3½	10	18
	390	8½	26	32	15	23	32
Grand Met.	800	31	58	73	15	34	42
(*808)	850	9	34	50	46	60	68
	900	2½	18	33	95	96	100
ICI	1250	72	117	135	10	28	49
(*1305)	1300	34	87	103	27	47	69
	1350	16	60	77	57	67	94
Kingfisher	500	47	62	75	2½	9	15
(*548)	550	12	34	47	20	28	35
	600	3	13	27	64	65	66
Ladbroke	249	16	24	32	5½	11	15
(*262)	268	6	14	20	16	20	25
	287	1½	8	13	32	34	39
Land Sec	460	84	87	95	1	2	3½
(*539)	500	43	50	63	2	7½	10
	550	6½	19	31	19	28	32
M & S	260	19	26	34	2½	7½	9
(*274)	280	6	14	22	10	16	17
	300	2	7½	14	28	29	30
Sainsbury	326	28	36	-	2	5	-
(*352)	356	7	18	-	12	16	-
	386	2	7	-	39	40	-
Shell	460	39	55	60	2	5	11
(*493)	500	9	28	33	13	20	26
	550	2½	8	13	60	60	60
Smkl Beech	750	29	57	74	13	27	33
(*757)	800	8	32	48	44	54	58
	850	1½	15	30	94	94	95
Storehse	100	15	18	20	1½	5	7
(*113)	110	8	11	14	6	8	10
	120	2	7	10	12	15	17
Trafalgar	211	33	38	-	2	8	-
(*240)	231	14	23	-	5	17	-
	251	6½	13	-	17	29	-
Ultramar	220	25	35	38	3	5	8
(*236)	240	9	17	22½	9	13	18
	260	4	10	13	25	27	33
Unilever	650	117	-	-	1	-	-
(*762)	700	67	82	-	2	8	-
	750	27	47	64	12	23	31
	800	6	20	39	45	50	57
Utd Bisc	360	43	47	53	2	6	12
(*400)	390	15	27	35	8	15	25
	420	4	13	20	32	35	41

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
BAA	390	75	79	-	1½	4	-
(*459)	420	47	55	67	4	8	14
	460	20	31	43	17	25	29
BAT Ind	600	65	85	95	4	8	14
(*658)	650	29	50	62	18	25	29
	700	8	27	37	53	55	57
	750	2½	12	21	103	103	103
BTR	390	28	40	47	6½	10	17
(*408)	420	10½	24	30	20	25	31
	460	2½	10	14	56	56	58
Br Aero	390	40	52	57	9	16	26
(*425)	420	20	36	40	24	32	42
	460	7	19	24	50	57	67
B. Telecom	360	41	47	56	2½	7½	9
(*393)	390	18	26	37	10	18	21
	420	5	14	23	29	33	36
Cadbury	390	37	48	52	11	16	22
(*412)	420	17	31	37	26	29	36
	460	8	17	21	55	57	60
Guinness	950	95	124	139	6	14	23
(*1034)	1000	57	86	105	17	30	38
	1050	28	58	77	41	52	62
GEC	180	13	17	23	3	4½	8
(*189)	200	3½	7½	12	14	15½	17
	220	1	3	5½	32	33	34
Hanson	200	31	34	35½	1	3½	5½
(*227)	220	14	18½	22	4	10	12
	240	4	8½	13	15	22	24
LASMO	300	22	33	35	9	14	19
(*308)	330	7	18	24	28	31	34
	360	3	7½	13	57	57	57
Lucas	140	16	17	21	6	8½	9½
(*148)	160	4½	7	11	19	21	22
	180	1½	3	6	37	38	38
P & O	472	47	62	-	6	12	-
(*500)	519	18	33	40	26	32	42
	566	5	16	23	66	64	72
Pilkington	140	18	22	27	3½	7	9
(*152)	160	7	12	17	13	17	20
	180	2½	5½	9½	30	32	35
Prudential	240	19	27	31	4½	7½	10½
(*250)	260	8	17	19½	15	18	21
	280	2½	8	11½	33	33	34
Racal Elec	51	8	10	-	2	3½	-
(*56)	55	4	-	-	4	-	-
	60	3	4	-	6	6½	-
RTZ	500	54	70	77	4	11	18
(*546)	550	20	39	46	20	30	38
	600	5½	18	24	64	65	66
Scot New	360	57	63	-	1½	6	-
(*411)	390	32	41	52	6	13	15
	420	13	24	35	19	27	29
Tesco	240	20	27	31	4	6½	8½
(*256)	260	8½	16	20	11	14	16
	280	4	8½	12	29	29	30
Thames W.	350	30	38	-	3½	7	-
(*371)	370	17	24	-	8	15	-
	400	5	11	-	32	33	-
Vodafone	330	69	75	-	2	5	-
(*387)	360	45	55	-	4	10	-
	390	24	34	-	15	24	-

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Fisons	420	41	53	-	2½	9	-
(*458)	460	12	29	38	14	23	29
	500	2½	13	22	47	51	54

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abbey Nat.	280	27	35	44	1	3½	8
(*306)	300	7	21	29	1	9	14
	330	1	7	14	26	27	30
Amstrad	45	5½	7½	10	1	3	4½
(*50)	50	¾	5½	7½	1½	5½	7½
	60	½	2	4½	11½	12½	13½
Barclays	420	40	55	65	1	5½	12
(*459)	460	1½	26	39	4	17	27
	500	½	10	20	45	48	50
Blue Circ	240	20	29	36	1	5	8½
(*260)	260	2	16	24	5	12	16
	280	1	7½	16	24	25	29
Br Gas	240	41	47	49	½	1½	3½
(*280)	260	21	29	33	1	3	6½
	280	3	14	19	3	9	13
Dixons	240	13	24	33	1	7½	12
(*252)	260	1	13	22	11	17	21
	280	1	6½	14	30	31	34
Eurotunnel	460	80	95	120	1	9	20
(*535)	500	35	67	90	1	20	30
	550	3	39	63	20	43	55
Forte	260	14	20	29	1	7	10
(*273)	280	1	10	17	10	18	20
	300	1	4	9	30	33	35
Glaxo	1300	57	112	150	1	31	45
(*1350)	1350	8	82	120	8	48	65
	1400	1½	57	94	50	74	87
Hawker	550	204	205	212	1	1	2½
(*750)	600	154	157	160	1	2	3½
	650	104	110	112	1	4	10
Hillsdown	220	37	42	48	1	2	5
(*256)	240	17	26	34	1	6	9½
	260	2	14	22	6	15	20
Lonrho	220	26	33	36	1	3½	8
(*245)	240	6	19	21	1½	9	17
	260	½	9	12	18	20	30
Midland	220	35	44	49	1	3½	6½
(*254)	240	15	29	37	1	8½	13
	260	1	16	26	10	17	22
Reuter	800	145	165	185	1	7	16
(*947)	850	95	125	148	1	14	27
	900	45	85	115	1	28	42
	950	5	57	85	17	50	62
R-Royce	130	15	19½	23½	½	3	5½
(*144)	140	4	11½	17		5	10
	160	1	4	8	17	17	21
Sears	80	14½	16	19	1	2	3
(*94)	90	4½	8½	11½	1	5	6½
	100	½	4½	7½	8	10½	12
Thorn EMI	700	98	112	120	1	4	8
(*795)	750	48	70	79	1	8½	18
	800	3	34	47	6	30	36
	850	1	11	24	60	62	63
TSB	130	18	22	24	1	1½	3½
(*147)	140	8	14	16½	1	3	7
	160	1	4½	7½	15	15½	18
Vaal Reefs	60	5	9	11	1	4½	7
(*$64)	70	1	5	7	7½	10½	13½
Wellcome	650	92	104	125	1	8	16
(*738)	700	42	67	90	1	21	30
	750	2	39	64	17	43	52

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Eastn Elec	160	28	32	34	1½	3½	4½
(*185)	180	12	17	21	6	10	12
	200	4	7	12	19	23	24

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Nat Power	130	40	42	44	¼	1½	2½
(*170)	140	30	32	34	¼	2½	3½
	160	10	17	19	½	5½	9
Scot Power	100	14½	17	21	1	1½	3
(*115)	110	5	9	13	1	4	6
	120	¾	4½	9½	8	8½	11½

FT-SE INDEX (*£2595)

	2500	2550	2600	2650	2700	2750
Calls						
Sep	105	61	18	3	½	½
Oct	136	93	58	32	17	8
Nov	158	120	86	57	36	22
Dec	180	147	114	85	58	40
Jun	280	-	218	-	163	-
Puts						
Sep	1	3	15	60	110	160
Oct	15	23	41	70	111	160
Nov	28	40	60	88	122	163
Dec	45	50	76	101	130	172
Jun	85	-	125	-	170	-

September 25, 1991 Total: 28120 Calls 19983 Puts 8137 FT-SE: Calls 1505 Puts 1849

*Underlying security price.

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Fisher buys Fruco

ALBERT Fisher, the fre
ood distribution group, i
paying DM36 million to bu
Fruco Fruchtehandel, a Ge
man distributor of fruit an
vegetables.

The acquisition means th
Albert Fisher, which alrea
owns Horstman, becomes th
second-largest fresh produ
distributor in Germany.

Fruco has been bought fro
Willy Bruns, which has settle
its dispute with the admi
strators of Polly Peck Inte
national. In 1989, Bruns so
Fruco to Polly Peck fo
DM47.5 million, but took
per cent of the considerati
in Polly Peck shares. The de
has now been unravelled lea
ng Bruns free to sell Fruco
Albert Fisher, which is payi
cash. In the year to en
December Fruco's turnov
was DM315 million.

Baltic holds dividend

Baltic suffered a 20 per ce
fall in pre-tax profits to £5
million in the first half of th
year, because of the fall
activity in its main ar
finance and property bu
nesses. The group is holdi
its interim dividend at 1.5p
however.

The figures mark a sta
recovery from the second ha
of last year, when Baltic wa
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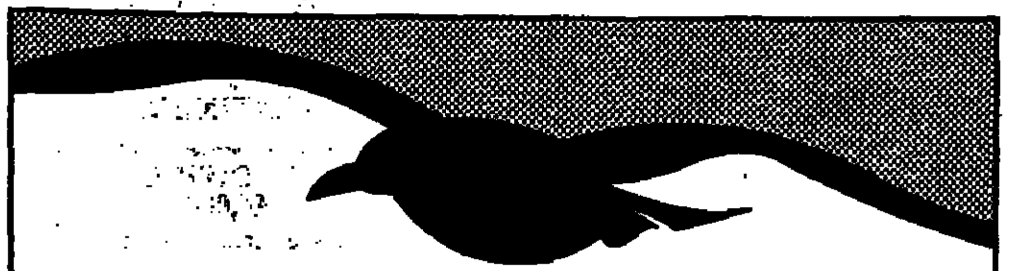

Director of Finance

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The successful candidate will be a qualified accountant who can demonstrate a first class track record of financial management gained in a public or private sector environment. Highly developed financial reporting skills should be supported with an understanding of information technology, augmented by good computer literacy, a thorough understanding of internal control procedures and the ability to provide expert financial advice to the authority. It is important that he/she should also be a good communicator, a team leader and someone who can both initiate and adapt to change.

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Interested applicants should send, in complete confidence, a detailed curriculum vitae including current salary and daytime telephone number to Peter Siviter, who is acting as recruitment adviser to the council, at Touche Ross Executive Selection, 39 St. Vincent Place, Glasgow G1 2QQ. Please quote reference XT11. Closing date for applications is Wednesday 16th October.

SHETLAND ISLANDS COUNCIL

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4	Charter Cons	Industrials A-D	
5	Blue Circle	Building, Roads	
6	Speyhawk	Property	
7	Unilever	Industrials S-Z	
8	Courtaulds	Industrials A-D	
9	Home Counties	Newspapers, Pub	
10	Security Serv	Industrials S-Z	
11	GKN	Industrials E-K	
12	Fisons	Industrials E-K	
13	Medeva	Industrials L-R	
14	BT	Electricals	
15	Cadbury-Schwp	Foods	
16	Goodhead	Paper, Print, Adv	
17	Honda Motor	Motors, Aircraft	
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High Inc Equity	140.8	149.4c	+0.4	5.69
W'wide Bond	210.5	223.9e	-0.4	8.72
Gilt/Fixed	116.6	123.7e	-0.1	9.30

ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 633070 dealing (Freephone) 0800 833580 30, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ Tel: 071-374 8801

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Am Inc/Gth	30.32	32.18c	+0.08	2.47
Euro	70.64	74.98	-0.08	0.30
Euro Inc	73.80	77.88e	-0.17	1.57
Exmpt	792.1	815.4c	+2.4	5.01
Extra Inc	40.25	43.64e	-0.04	6.68
F/E Emerg Eo	47.30	50.77	-0.07	1.28

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0793 514514 dealing:0793 610366

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
High Inc	359.8	383.1e	+2.7	5.28
Equity Inc	196.2	208.9	+0.7	4.90
High Yield	218.2	232.2	+0.7	4.98
Balanced	589.0	627.7	+3.3	3.30
Am Inc	34.69	36.94e	+0.45	3.14
World Am Val	32.34	34.44e	+0.14	1.57
Japan	140.8	149.8	+1.5	0.01
Sec of Am	318.1	338.7	+3.9	0.11

BL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 128 Beckenham Kent BR3 4PN Tel: 081-663 3030

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Euro Gth	63.48	68.27	+0.22	1.54
1992 Euro Spc	62.27	66.59	+0.28	1.49
Intl Inc	69.65	73.41	+0.43	2.88
NAm Gth	50.28	53.74	+0.09	1.49
Pacific Gth	72.89	77.94	+0.26	1.88
UK Gth Acc	84.13	89.97e	..	2.49
Do Dist	73.63	78.65e	..	3.18
UK Income	61.64	66.13e	+0.06	6.82

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 081-534 5544

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	90.49	97.20e	+0.36	3.39
Euro Gth Inc	93.68	99.92e	+0.33	1.74
Extra Inc	99.11	106.0c	+0.30	6.16
General	205.3	219.8e	+0.6	3.90
Gt/Fxd Income	52.85	54.74e	-0.10	9.86
Inc Trust	430.0	460.5	+2.2	6.06

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XD Tel: 081-658 9002

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Gth	67.46	71.41	+0.19	0.40
Am Sm Cos	73.98	78.70	+0.03	0.20
Australia	60.67	65.07	+0.33	1.90
Convertible	46.70	49.94e	-0.21	6.30

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Far East	38.88	41.71a	+0.21	0.75
Nth Amer	57.53	61.53a	..	0.57
Global	61.95	66.26	+1.20	0.08
European	60.17	64.35	-0.28	2.98
Japan	95.18	101.8c	+0.50	0.01
Strategic Opp	49.73	53.19	-0.17	2.33
Intl Currency	48.14	51.06a	+0.03	8.83

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Tel: Enquiries: 061-236 5685 Dealings:061-236 5362

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capability Trusts				
Am & Gen	93.06	98.39e	+0.42	0.28
Do Acc	99.05	105.3e	+0.45	0.28
European	58.20	61.71e	+0.14	1.31
Do Acc	60.15	63.78e	+0.14	1.31
F East/Gen	48.43	51.53	+0.42	0.00
Do Acc	48.43	51.53	+0.42	0.00
Glenfield	222.4	236.8e	+0.5	2.28
Do Acc	242.9	258.5e	+0.6	2.28
Growth	298.7	318.9e	+0.8	2.87
Do Acc	495.6	528.8e	+0.7	2.87
Inc &Gth Inc	332.1	353.4	+0.5	4.95
Do Acc	414.1	440.6	+0.5	4.95
Master Portf	£94.43	98.70e	+0.21	2.76
Do Acc	£98.79	98.53c	+0.22	2.76
Spec Sits	67.88	72.16	+0.22	2.74
Do Acc	76.40	81.28	+0.25	2.74
Exempt Fund				
High Yld Exmt	£10.87	11.01	+0.01	6.51
Do Acc	£11.52	11.66	+0.02	6.51

CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3, Harbour Exchange Square, London, E14 9GL Tel: Telephone: 071-955 5050 Dealings: 071-955 5055

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Index	148.1	158.0	+1.8	2.15
Capital	481.2	513.5c	+2.9	3.63
Euro Index	112.2	119.7	-0.3	1.98
Euro Growth	73.17	78.08	-0.09	1.94
Far East Gth	67.12	71.63	+0.68	1.19
Global Bond	20.32	21.65	+0.04	8.52
Gold Gen S S	60.14	64.18	+0.74	2.30
Hong Kong	41.60	44.28	+0.28	3.17
Income	455.3	485.9c	+1.8	6.18
Intl Gth	62.02	66.19	+0.50	1.29
Jap Gth	212.8	226.8a	+3.4	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	30.69	32.75	+0.74	0.00
Jap Index	63.69	67.97	+0.78	0.33
N Amer	309.6	330.4	+2.9	1.55
Sing Malay	32.32	34.49	+0.22	0.00
Tiger Index	86.41	92.21e	+0.28	1.31
UK Index	110.4	117.8	+0.5	3.86

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN Tel: 071-606 0708

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Portf	58.36	62.41	+0.17	1.75
Euro Port	62.37	66.33c	+0.03	0.88
Jap Portf	45.19	48.07	+0.11	0.00
Pacific Portf	60.12	64.65	-0.45	3.08
Portf	60.34	64.54	-0.06	3.10

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Eurofund	33.11	34.98	-0.04	1.14
Exmpt Mngd	148.1	154.7c	..	3.39
Growth/Inc	204.4	217.2e	+1.1	5.18
High Dist	150.3	159.7	+0.5	7.04
Intl	273.0	290.1	+1.1	1.72
Intl Inc	61.16	65.28e	+0.15	6.05
Pacific	35.2	37.4a+	..	1.07
Smlr Jap Cos	62.89	66.89	+1.22	0.00
Tokyo	173.6	183.9	+1.5	0.00
Ex Am 2	162.0	168.5c	..	1.08
Ex Jap 3	114.9	118.1	+3.1	0.42
Ex Smlr Jap 4	520.0	584.3	..	0.09

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 577555

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Orient Op Acc	56.01	59.58c	-0.17	1.42
Japanese	54.65	58.14e	+0.47	0.00
UK Balan Inc	101.2	107.7	+0.2	3.24
Do Acc	114.4	121.7	+0.3	3.24
UK Gth Accum	169.2	180.0	+0.2	1.89
UK Hi Inc	119.8	127.4	+0.8	5.46
UK Hi Inc Acc	128.7	136.8	+0.9	5.46
N Amer Acc	79.00	84.03	+0.07	1.09
Euro Acc	108.2	115.1e	+0.1	0.24
UK Pref/Fl Inc	58.48	59.92	-0.02	8.02
Do Acc	60.96	65.66	-0.03	8.02
Intl Sp S Acc	42.63	45.35e	+0.18	0.82
Emerald Opp	57.76	61.44	+0.07	1.31

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
41, Hasington Gardens London SW7 4JU Tel: 071 373 7281

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Endurance	148.2	157.6c	..	1.92

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Eqtble Pelican	105.2	110.8	+1.32	4.87
High Inc	111.9	117.8	+0.40	5.84
T Of Inv Ts	114.0	120.0e	+0.38	3.25
Spec Sits	96.9	102.0e	+0.8	4.25
N Am	75.15	79.10e	+0.91	0.97
Far East	170.7	179.6	+2.47	1.35
Ind Gth	75.01	78.96	+0.53	1.84
Euro	56.84	59.83	+0.03	1.99
Smlr Cos	57.94	60.99	-0.08	3.61

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1GD Tel: 0203 553231

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Gth Accum	268.7	283.8	+0.3	3.35
Do Inc	200.5	213.4	+0.3	3.35
Higher Inc Acc	470.0	500.0	+1.1	4.88
Do Inc	311.2	331.1	+0.7	4.88
Gilt/Fxd Acc	141.7	149.2e	..	8.76
Do Inc	81.67	85.97e	-0.04	8.76
N America	180.5	192.1	+3.2	0.00
Far East	224.8	239.2	+0.9	0.35
Europe	202.4	215.4e	..	0.04
Genl	362.2	385.4e	+1.3	3.49
Genl Acc	381.8	406.2e	+1.3	3.49
Br Excellence	56.23	59.82	+0.08	3.01
Br Fdmntls Inc	57.22	60.89e	..	6.09
Do Acc	69.24	73.66e	+0.01	6.09

PO Box 105 Manchester M60 0AH Tel: 061-837 6060

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Envirn	107.1	114.0	-0.1	2.24
UK Growth	118.8	126.4e	+0.2	2.71
UK Income	111.3	118.5c	+0.4	5.43

CANNON FUND MANAGERS
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB Tel: 081-902 8876

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
SE Asia	48.92	52.32e	-0.45	2.30
Growth	40.34	43.15a	-0.08	4.10
Income	49.20	52.62a	-0.07	8.01

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
PPT Nth Amer	104.4	111.1	+1.56	0.88
PPT Sing/M	68.52	72.89	+0.38	0.00
PPT UK	102.8	109.3	+0.51	1.45
PPT Cash	93.28		+0.02	10.34

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 0345 090526

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer	86.71	92.13	+0.17	1.15
Capital	132.9	141.2	..	2.12
Convertible	23.38	24.84e	+0.06	8.05

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Do Acc	189.7	201.8	+0.65	0.86
Stwd Dist	247.1	262.9	-0.35	2.79
Do Acc	281.9	299.8	-0.39	2.79
Stwd Inc Dist	53.86	57.30e	+0.01	4.81
Do Acc	62.55	66.54e	+0.01	4.81
NAm Stwd Dist	69.62	74.06	-0.59	0.27
Do Acc	73.40	78.09	-0.62	0.27

GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ Tel: 071-283 2575 Dealing 071-626 9431

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Am Sp Sits	86.61	92.64	+0.04	0.00

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
High Yield	94.77	101.3	+0.30	5.89
Inc Trust	121.9	130.3	+1.9	4.37
Intl	166.5	178.0	+1.0	1.17
Jap Tech	59.58	63.50	+0.32	0.00
Natrl Rsrces	49.65	53.10	+0.24	1.54
Security	252.5	270.0e	+0.4	3.12
Smlr Cos	87.79	93.89c	+0.03	2.47
Spec Sits	126.3	135.0e	+0.3	3.18
US Smlr Cos	44.04	47.10	+0.10	0.00

IBI FUND MANAGERS
36, Queen Street London EC4 1DN Tel: 071-236 4210

MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Dencon House 132, Eyre St Sheffield S1 3RD Tel: 0742 529888

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
British Dist	68.42	73.18	+0.63	2.85
Do Acc	73.53	78.64	+0.74	2.85
Capital Income	87.20	93.26	-0.17	2.84
Do Acc	131.0	140.1	-0.3	2.84
Euro Gth Inc	138.1	147.0	-0.3	0.77
Do Acc	171.4	182.5	-0.3	0.77
Extra High Inc	66.2	70.8c	-0.1	7.34
Do Acc	102.9	110.0c	+0.1	7.34
Gilt/Fxd Income	51.12	53.24e	-0.08	9.09

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Euro	39.23	41.73	..	1.27
Gilt and Fxd Int	23.33	24.82e	..	8.26
UK Smlr Cos	20.22	21.51e	..	3.41

PRUDENTIAL HOLBORN UNIT TRUSTS LTD
51-59, Ilford Hill, Ilford Essex, IG1 2DL Tel: 081-478 3377 Client Enquiry 081 478-3377

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Holb	23.94	25.60	+0.17	1.89
Holb Cash Hvn	106.01	..	+0.03	10.91
Holb Equity	598.1	629.0	+3.97	3.02
Holb Eqty Inc	69.39	74.21e	+0.21	4.85
Holb Euro	140.2	149.3	-0.74	1.81

STEWART, IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
45, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh Tel: 031-226 3271

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Inc	300.9	320.8	-4.0	1.31
British Inc	328.1	374.0e	+2.3	3.47
Euro Inc	330.4	351.6c	-0.9	1.49
Jap Inc	116.0	123.1	+1.8	0.00
Pacific	164.8	175.1e	-0.5	2.00
Mngd Cash	97.19	100.0c	..	10.21
Major Star Inc	101.2	102.2c	+0.05	10.09
PEP	145.5	154.0e	+0.6	3.64
Saints PPP	298.0	311.6	+6.9	0.00

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Stockmkt Fnd	54.69	58.15e	+0.34	3.13

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
26	6	ASB Barratt	10	13	–	–f	–	–
94	38	ASD	73	78	–	–	–	5.4
21	11	ATA Selection	10	15	–	–h	–	–
4½	2	Abaco Group	1½	2½	–	–	–	–
18	12	Aberdeen Pet	12	13½	–	–	–	17.6
35	20	Aberdeen Stk Hse	20	25	+1	–	–	43.4
202	180	Acal	200	203	+1	7.2	3.6	9.9
18	11	Acorn Comp	12	14	–			
141	77	Alan Paul	84	86	–	4.5	5.2	8.2
41	16	Albrighton	24	28	+4			
142	88	Allen	125	128	+1	6.5	5.1	8.6
40	20	Amberley Gp	30	35●	–	2.0	6.1	18.1
19	12	Anglo Pac Res	14	16	-1	–a	–	–
13½	2½	Apollo Watch Prods	2½	3	–	–	–	3.2
159	50	App Holographics	68	73	–	–	–	–
175	77	Ashtead	167	177●	-1	5.5b	3.2	11.9
165	85	Aspen Comms	135	140	–	10.8b	7.8	8.7
336	255	Asprey	295	315	–	8.5	2.1	18.1
6	2½	Assoc Energy	2	3½	–	–	–	–
60	40	Assoc Farmers	57	62	–	–	–	–
158	68	Assoc Nursing	65	73	–	4.0	5.8	8.2
28	11	Atlantic Sec				–f		
918	548	Atlas Equipment	918	925	+13	28.0	3.2	18.8
5	3½	Audit General				–f		
53	31	Automagic	28	33	–	1.9	6.1	8.3
25	14	BBB Design	20	22	–	2.8a	13.3	3.8
9	2½	BCE	3	5	–	–	–	–
115	30	BLP Group	28	33	–	1.7	5.6	–
54	37	BWD	44	47●	–	2.7	5.9	15.9
42	30	Beavarco	38	43 r	–	0.8	2.0	11.4
48	22	Beckenham	23	26	–	1.3	5.2	3.2
65	20	Bedford (William)	25	30	–	–a	–	–
137	95	Bensons Crisps	125	128●	–	3.8	3.0	10.2
70	50	Berry,Birch & Noble	53	60	–	2.0	3.5	10.5
82	65	Bilston&Battersea	62	70	–	4.0	6.1	13.2
27	12	Bio Isolates	22	25	–	–	–	13.0
140	85	Bletchley Motors	138	140●	–	10.5	7.7	10.3
66	18	Bluebird Toys	32	35	–	–	–	7.1
58	24	Border TV	55	57●	–	2.8	5.0	9.3
35½	14½	Borland	26½	27½	-¼	–	–	–
184	130	Bourne End	182	186	+2	8.5	4.8	9.1
65	35	Br Bloodstock	37	47	–	–	–	–
20	4	Br Thornton	12	17	–	–	–	–
4½	1½	Bula Resources	1½	2½	–	–	–	–
80	33	Business Tech	35	39	-2½	2.0	5.2	12.9
13	2	CCS Gp						
226	131	CML Micro	218	223	+1	3.8	1.8	12.6
21	17	CPU Comp	19	22	–	–	–	–
135	110	Cap & Regional	107	115	–	1.2	1.1	–
90	80	Carron Phoenix	87	92	–	1.8	2.0	75.0
66	35	Cassidy Bros	48	52	–	2.9	4.0	11.2

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28	19	GCF Gp	19	20	–	2.3	–	–
253	185	GWR Gp	245	248●	–	2.7	1.1	18.2
75	35	Gabicci	73	78	–	5.7	7.5	8.6
103	80	Gibbon Lyons	75	85 r	–	8.0	10.0	8.2
288	138	Gibbs Mew	133	145●	-3	9.9	6.5	–
28	12	Global	18	20	–	0.7	3.7	8.3
233	185	Great Southern	228	237	–	11.7	5.0	17.5
153	100	Green (Ernest)	130	137	+2	9.3	6.9	7.4
9	4½	Greenacre	6½	8	+½	0.3	4.0	20.8
8	4	Greenwich Comms	2½	5	–	–	–	–
11	7	Guildhouse	5	9	–	0.1	1.4	–
188	97	Hadleigh Inds	110	115	–	8.7	7.7	7.3
32	5	Halls Homes	5	8	–	1.3	18.8	–
31	20	Hampden Homecare	20	25	–	0.3	1.3	11.1
221	78	Handley Walker	116	123	–	10.7	8.8	9.1
20	11	Harmony Leisure	10	14	–	–	–	–
7½	2	Hawthorn Leslie	2	3	–	–	–	–
255	165	Headline	170	210	–	4.1	2.2	29.8
185	145	do 'A' LV	120	170	–	4.1	2.8	18.2
35	18	Heritage	20	23	–	–	–	–
25	20	Hey & Croft	19	23	–	–	–	–
70	48	Hickson	60	65	–	0.7	1.1	10.7
13	4½	Hobson	7½	8½	–	–	–	–
125	68	Holders Tech	65	73	–	8.0	11.6	9.2
50	20	Honeysuckle Gp	25	30	–	–	–	–
250	163	Hornby	187	191	+1	12.0	8.3	6.4
11	3	Hughes Food				–	–	–
281	108	Huntleigh Tech	267	277	–	4.7	1.7	21.7
113	50	INSTEM	75	80	–	3.6	4.9	5.3
10	5½	Inoco	6½	7½	–	–	–	–
140	43	Intercare Gp	121	124 r	-1	2.3	1.9	22.2
307	63	Interlink Express	302	310	–	11.2	3.7	11.7
18	6	Intl Comms & Data	15	18½	–	–	–	7.2
4½	1½	Intl Media	1½	2½	–	–	–	–
64	30	Into Resort	43	48	+2	–	–	4.9
4½	1	JMD Group	1½	2½	–	–	–	–
9	5	Kemp (PE)	4	6	–	–	–	–
25	9	Kenmare Res	9½	11½	–	–	–	–
287	163	Kewill Systems	280	288	-1	8.7	2.4	9.8
63	41	LPA Ind	50	55	+3	4.7	8.9	9.1
205	163	Lambert	280	290●	-5	15.5	5.4	8.2
35	19	Laser-Scan	19	21	–	–	–	4.2
79	42	LBMS Plc	75	80	–	0.6	0.8	–
38	34	LGW	31	38	–	1.3	3.8	–
81	68	Lloyd	70	75	–	6.6	9.3	5.3
6¾	2	Lincoln Hse	2½	3	–	–	–	–
155	118	Lon & Clydeside	120	127	–	9.3	7.5	5.4
135	88	Lon Forfaiting	129	132	+1	9.7	7.4	20.1
84	75	MMT Comp	83	88	–	4.0	4.7	8.4
238	118	MTL Instruments	235	238●	–	4.1	1.7	17.5

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628	330	Sherwood Group	620	635	+3	12.1	1.9	18.1
146	80	Sionco	77	85●	–	8.9	8.5	5.0
41	30	Soundtracks	31	34●	–	2.9	8.8	8.9
340	230	Sumitex	305	320	–	7.5	2.4	12.9
41	13	Specialeyes	39	42	–	–	–	20.1
45	25	Stainless Metal	22	27	–	1.3a	5.2	–
128	32	Stanhope Props	34	37	–	0.1	0.3	7.3
77	18	Sterling Pub	40	43●	–	3.3	7.9	–
58	27	Sterling Tst	48	53	+1	2.7	5.3	6.4
21	12	Sunleigh Elect	13	15	–	–	–	–
72	36	Sutherland	66	70●	-3	2.4	3.5	17.8
8	5	TDS Circuits	4	7	–	–f	–	–
43	18	TLS Range	27	30	–	–	–	8.5
217	103	TV-am	125	128	–	18.7	14.7	5.1
31	13	Taxado	17	20	–	–	–	9.7
77	67	Tinsley (Eliza)	63	70●	–	8.9	10.3	8.5
70	48	Thos	65	73	–	4.0	5.8	12.3
41	28	Torex Hire	28	33	–	–	–	8.9
16	10	Total Systems	14	16	–	–	–	20.5
4½	0½	Tranwood			–	–	–	–
133	79	Transworld	103	107	–	–	–	–
91	58	Treats	73	78●	–	4.3	5.7	10.4
69	30	Trenchermen	30	35	–	–	–	–
58	31	Trevian Hldgs	33	38●	–	1.3	3.8	–
21	7	Trillion	9	12	–	–	–	–
5	1	Tubular Edgin	1½	2	–	–	–	5.5
33	22	Tudor	30	33	–	3.6	11.3	9.7
145	45	Unit Group	60	70	–	–	–	–
66	32	Usher (Frank)	50	54	–	5.3	10.2	7.2
10	3	Venture Plant	5½	7	–	–	–	–
83	43	VTR Plc	52	57	–	4.5	8.2	5.3
16	8½	Vistec	13½	14½	–	0.3	2.1	14.9
78	55	Wassall	68	73	–	4.7	6.8	11.0
20	12	Wentworth	17	20●	–	0.1	0.5	11.2
44	30	Wescol	33	37	-1	–	–	19.7
6½	3	Westport	3	3½	–	–	–	–
52	21	West Scaffold	30	35	–	2.7	8.2	41.3
32	7	Whatdale	11	13	–	–a	–	37.5
43	28	Whitney Mackay	40	43●	–	2.7	6.4	7.8
65	50	Wood John D & Co	55	60	-2	2.0	3.4	–
38	15	Wld of Leather	35	40	–	–	–	–
188	121	Wyevale	185	190●	+1	8.3	3.4	22.3
66	43	Wyko	50	54●	–	3.7	7.1	11.4
7	1¼	XCL Sunrise	2½	3	-¼	–	–	–
7	5	Xtra-vision	5	9	–	–	–	–
139	118	Young Group	118	122●	–	8.9	5.6	13.4

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
14½	9½	Alliance	13½	13¾●	–	54.7	3.9	34.1
190	125	Amer Trust	179	181●	+1	6.3	3.5	44.0
291	212½	Ang & O'seas	288	294	+3	8.2	2.9	42.7
87	67	Anglo Scot Inv Tst	84	87	+1	6.0	7.0	16.8
105	90	BZW Conv	102	104●	+½	10.3	10.0	11.7
121	77	Bankers	118	120	+1	4.3	3.6	37.1
147	105	Berry Starq	143	145	-1	2.4e	1.7	34.5
90½	83	Br Assets	88	89½●	-½	5.3b	6.0	26.3
58¾	42½	Br Empire Sec	52½	54	+½	1.0	1.9	68.6
18	10	Do Wrnts	10	13	–			
740	514	Br Inv	738	740	–	30.0	4.1	29.8
167	128	Brunner	164	167	–	6.1h	3.7	31.6
14⅛	11⅛	City & Comm	14⅛	15	–			
169	127	Contl Assets	157	160	–	0.9	0.6	–
244	181	Derby Inc	237	240	+1	24.2	10.1	13.6
219	169	Do Cap	190	198	+2			
93	52	Drayton Asia	84	87	–	0.9	1.0	88.9
410	187	Drayton Cons	247	252	+3	22.7	9.1	14.7
102	57	Drayton Eng Intl	82	86	–	4.3	6.7	20.2
118	70	Drayton Far East	102	104	+½	0.8	0.8	
585	430	Dunedin Inc Gth	578	582●	+5	32.5h	5.6	23.0
515	380	Dunedin Worldwide	507	512	+3	12.0	2.4	47.8
284	205	Dundee & Lon	284	288	–	18.0	6.0	21.8
70	65	EFM Inc Tst	65	68	–			
41⅛	37	EFM Inc 00W Pf	40½	41½	+½	–	–	–
244	181	Edinburgh	241	244	+2	10.3	4.2	30.1
124	89	Electric Gen	121	123●	–	4.0h	3.3	37.2
79	52	English Scot	73	75 t	–	2.5	3.1	26.0
53	17½	Ensign	18	20	+1	1.7	8.0	14.7
243	193	European Asset	218	222	–			
163	140	F & C Eurotrust	161	163	–	1.5	0.9	–
110	80	For & Col Germany	102	105	–	0.3e	0.3	–
197	125	For & Col Pacific	195	198	+3	2.1	1.1	78.7
99	64½	For & Col Smaller	96	97	–	2.2	2.3	40.2
10	3½	Fleet Charlotte	8	9	–	0.3	3.5	44.7
203	139	Fleming American	191	193	+2	2.3	1.2	98.5
368	283	Fleming Claver.	358	363	+2	13.3h	3.7	33.1
167	134	Fleming Enterprise	161	163●	–	5.7	3.5	39.4
229	151	Fleming Far East	221	225	+3	2.7	1.2	–
238	146	Fleming Fledgeling	237	239	–	4.0	1.7	67.4
105	88	Fleming High Inc	93	95●	–	7.7	8.1	10.7
279	170	Fleming Japanese	277	280	+7	1.0	0.4	–
235	187	Fleming Mercantile	230	235●	+4	8.5	3.6	31.3
212½	147½	Fleming Overseas	201	202	+1½	5.3	2.6	52.6
244	194	Fleming Universal	231	233	–	3.7	1.6	84.3
182	124	For Col	180	182●	+2½	4.1	2.3	60.0

1991 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
35	25	Independent Inv Co	33	34½●	+½	0.6	1.8	47.9
119	86½	Inv Cap	114	118	–	6.7h	5.8	23.2
101	75	Ivory Sime Opt Inc	100	102	–	9.5	9.4	18.4
153½	130½	Ivory Sime 6% Pf	152½	153½	–			
169	126	Kleinwort Charter	162	164	+2	6.5	4.0	38.7
171	124	Kleinwort O 'seas	162	164●	+1	4.3	2.5	46.4
124	90	Kleinwort Smaller	116	118●	–	6.1	5.2	22.0
489	325	Law Debenture	483	489●	–	21.7	4.5	27.6
301	230	Majedie	293	298	–	11.3	3.8	31.6
232	164	Merchants	231	233	+1	13.3h	5.7	22.8
28½	10	Merrill Lynch	28½		+1			
375	258	Monks Inv Tst	363	367	–	8.9	2.4	48.8
305	195	Murray Income	255	258●	–	14.1	5.5	25.0
248	175	Murray Intl	238	241	–	14.5	6.0	21.4
257	181½	Murray Small	254	258●	–	5.1	2.0	49.8
247	176	Murray Venture	220	223	+6	12.7	5.7	18.8
55	42	New Frontier	53	54	–	0.3	0.6	71.8
77½	62½	do 6½% Ln	73	78●	–	650	8.6	–
121	96	Nthrng Inc 83	110	112●	-1	8.0	7.2	13.9
249	183	O'seas Inv Tst	225	240	–	3.2	1.3	–
226	133	Pacific Assets	213	218	–	1.2	0.6	72.5
9	2	Parkside Gp	5	6½	–			
66	34	Personal Assets	57	59●	+1½	2.0	2.9	45.0
105	65	RIT Cap Prtnrs	93	98	–	3.9	3.6	28.9
126	76	River & Merc	117	121	–	–	–	–
310	233	Robeco	295	300	–	–	–	–
302	225	Rolinco	295	300	–	–	–	–
19½	16½	Rorento	19½					
236	180	St Andrew Inv Tst	232	236●	–	9.9b	4.2	31.8
174	134	Scottish	170	172	+1½	5.5	3.2	42.1
119½	89½	Scot American	118	119½●	+½	5.4	4.5	28.9
83	45	Scot Eastern	60½	62●	–	1.8	2.9	48.6
85	63	Scot Merc 'A'	84	87	–	3.8	4.4	29.5
162	114	Scot Mtge	155	157	+2	4.9	3.1	35.3
12½	882	Second Alliance	12½	12¾	–	40.7	3.7	34.8
79½	57½	Secs Tst of Scotland	74	75	–	4.1b	5.5	24.1
102	71	Selective Asset	99	100	–	1.0	1.0	50.5
33	22	Sphere Inv	28½	27½	–	3.8e	10.2	8.3
340	254	Steel Burrill	335	340	+2	16.7	4.9	17.7
94	58	TR Far East	88	90●	–	5.5b	6.0	18.4
118	88	TR City Of Lon	117	118½	+½	8.4	6.4	25.4
80	48	TR Pacific	77	78	–	0.3	0.4	–
37	28	TR Property	30½	32	+½	1.9	6.0	30.3
52	20	TR Tech Inv	45	48	–	2.3	4.9	12.8
149	106	TR Smlr Cos	146	149●	+3	4.9	3.3	34.3
277	210	Temple Bar	270	274●	–	16.4	6.0	18.1

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 91.0 (day's range 91.0).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Sept 25	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.2818-3.2884	3.2848-3.2884	½-¼pr	⅝-⅜pr
Brussels	59.93-60.22	59.97-60.18	11-7pr	26-8pr
Copenhagen	11.2384-11.2721	11.2405-11.2643	1⅛-½pr	1⅞-1½pr
Dublin	1.0879-1.0918	1.0879-1.0889	9-4pr	13-3pr
Frankfurt	2.9138-2.9182	2.9141-2.9175	⅜-¼pr	⅞-⅝pr
Lisbon	250.00-251.27	250.00-251.01	3-74ds	151-224ds
Madrid	183.73-184.58	183.73-184.36	23-32ds	80-95ds
Milan	2177.33-2182.04	2179.05-2182.04	1-3ds	5-7ds
Montreal	1.9638-1.9726	1.9638-1.9675	0.38-0.31pr	0.70-0.60pr
New York	1.7325-1.7380	1.7325-1.7335	0.76-0.74pr	2.04-2.02pr
Oslo	11.3981-11.4279	11.3981-11.4220	⅛pr-½ds	½-1⅛ds
Paris	9.9252-9.9451	9.9307-9.9451	1¼-⅞pr	2⅝-1⅞pr
Stockholm	10.6230-10.6542	10.6237-10.6472	⅛pr-par	⅛pr-⅜ds
Tokyo	230.68-231.33	230.68-230.99	⅜-⅝pr	2¼-2pr
Vienna	20.4876-20.5310	20.4989-20.5261	2⅛-1⅞pr	4⅞-3½pr
Zurich	2.5364-2.5434	2.5384-2.5396	⅝-⅜pr	1⅞-1⅝pr

Source: Extel *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	17181.4-17397.0
Australia dollar	2.1773-2.1806
Bahrain dinar	0.6505-0.6585
Brazil cruzeiro *	779.70-780.88
Cyprus pound	0.8025-0.8125
Finland marka	7.06-7.12
Greece drachma	323.15-326.35
Hong Kong dollar	13.4472-13.4568
India rupee	44.64-45.04
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4975-0.5035
Malaysia ringgit	4.7680-4.7676
Mexico peso	5300-5400
New Zealand dollar	3.0214-3.0285
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.47-6.55
Singapore dollar	2.9369-2.9405
S Africa rand (fin)	5.3608-5.4482
S Africa rand (com)	4.8998-4.9079
U A E dirham	6.335-6.415

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank.*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.2543-1.2554
Austria	11.82-11.84
Belgium (Com)	34.80-34.84
Canada	1.1343-1.1348
Denmark	6.4750-6.4800
France	5.7175-5.7225
Germany	1.6807-1.6817
Hong Kong	7.7470-7.7480
Ireland	1.5865-1.5900
Italy	1255.5-1256.5
Japan	133.20-133.30
Malaysia	2.7440-2.7450
Netherlands	1.8945-1.8955
Norway	6.5670-6.5720
Portugal	144.70-144.90
Singapore	1.6920-1.6930
Spain	106.00-106.10
Sweden	6.1220-6.1270
Switzerland	1.4650-1.4660

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 10½ Finance Hse 11
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 10½ Low 9 Week fixed: 10 5/16
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 9 15/16 ; 3 mth 9⅞ . Sell: 2 mth 9 13/16 ; 3 mth: 9¾ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	10 9/32-10¼	10 1/32-10	9 29/32-9⅞	9 15/16-9 17/32	
Sterling Money Rates:	10 5/16-10 17/32	10¼-10⅛	10 11/32-⅜32	10 7/32-5/32	10 3/16-1/16
Interbank:	10 11/16-10⅛	10 7/16-10 13/32	10 5/16-10⅛	10 7/32-3/32	10 3/16-10⅛
(Overnight: open 10%, close 9% .					
Local Authority Deps:	10½	n/a	10 5/16	10 3/16	10⅛
Sterling CDs:	10 19/32-17/32	10 7/16-10⅜	10 9/32-10¼	10 3/16-10⅛	10 3/16-1/16
Dollar CDs:	5.50-5.45	5.45-5.40	5.45-5.40	5.65-5.60	5.80-5.75
Building Society CDs:	10½-10 5/16	10 15/32-13/32	10 5/16-9/32	10¼-10 3/16	10⅛-10⅛

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5½-5	5 7/16-5¼	5 7/16-5¼	5 11/16-5½	5½-4½
Deutschemark:	9¾-8¾	9 5/16-9	9 3/16-9 1/16	9 5/16-9 3/16	8½-7½
French Franc:	9⅞-9¾	9¾-9⅝	9 7/16-9 5/16	9⅛-9⅝	9⅞-8⅞
Swiss Franc:	8 3/16-7 15/16	8 5/16-8	8 5/16-8	8¼-8	8-7
Yen:	7⅞-7⅝	7-6⅞	6 9/16-6 7/16	6⅛-6⅛	6⅜-5⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS

(Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $352.40-352.80 Close: $352.70-353.10 High: $352.80-353.40 Low: $352.00-352.50 Krugerrand: $352.25-353.25 (£203.00-204.00)
Sovereigns: Old $82.75-83.75 (£47.60-48.60) New $82.50-83.50 (£47.35-48.35)
Platinum: $354.75 (£204.40) **Silver:** $4.24 (£2.425) **Palladium:** $83.40 (£48.05)

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: July 31, 1991 Agreed rates Aug 26, 1991 to Sept 24, 1991 Scheme I: 12.31%. Schemes II & III: 12.38%. Reference rate June 29, 1991 to July 31, 1991 Scheme IV & V: 11.138%.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 42181	Sep 91	2599.0	2610.0	2596.0	2608.0	7293
	Dec 91	2651.0	2658.0	2645.0	2657.5	2984
	Mar 92	2683.0	2683.0	2679.0	2693.5	150
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 122206	Dec 91	90.11	90.15	90.10	90.14	11130
	Mar 92	90.38	90.40	90.35	90.39	2624
	Jun 92	90.36	90.37	90.34	90.37	1257
Three Month Eurodollar Previous open interest: 26754	Dec 91	94.24	94.25	94.21	94.25	1791
	Mar 92	94.36	94.35	94.32	94.35	480
Three Month Euro DM Previous open interest: 132280	Dec 91	90.67	90.68	90.65	90.67	6773
	Mar 92	90.93	90.94	90.92	90.94	4184
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 3503	Dec 91	99-06	99-06	98-29	99-06	1563
	Mar 92				98-12	0
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 58857	Sep 91	95-28	95-23	95-23	95-31	136
	Dec 91	96-09	96-09	95-23	96-03	35704
Japanese Govt Bond	Dec 91	99.46	99.51	99.41	99.42	297
	Mar 92				99.57	0
German Govt Bond Previous open interest: 83460	Dec 91	85.31	85.44	85.29	85.34	26157
	Mar 92	85.57	85.57	85.55	85.53	8
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 4078	Dec 91	90.30	90.31	90.30	90.31	205
	Mar 92	90.63	90.66	90.63	90.66	140

COMMODITIES

LONDON FOX

COCOA		COFFEE		SUGAR (FOB) C Czarnikow	
Sep	700 BID	Sep	512-508	Oct	214.6-13.0
Dec	753-752	Nov	534-532	Dec	190.0 BID
Mar	789-788	Jan	558-557	Mar	196.0-94.6
May	809-808	Mar	577-578	May	194.4-93.0
Jul	829-828	May	unq	Aug	200.0-91.0
Sep	849-848	Jul	unq	Oct	201.0-76.0
Dec	871-870	Sep	unq		
Vol: 4649		Vol: 4590		Vol: 671	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT Close (£/t)		BARLEY Close (£/t)		HI-PRO SOYA Close (£/t)	
Nov	118.20	Nov	113.90	Oct	136.30
Jan	121.60	Jan	117.50	Dec	138.50
Mar	124.50	Mar	120.15	Feb	142.00
May	127.50	May	121.90	Apr	144.30
Jun	128.90	Sep	unq	Jun	144.80
Vol:	940	Vol:	87	Vol:	0

LONDON POTATO FUTURES

Volume: 149

	Open	Close
Mar (£/tonne)	unq	130.5
Apr	121.9	122.0
May	136.0	135.0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 25

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	78.04	104.84	101.89
(+/–)	–0.94	*–0.38	–0.36
Eng/Wales:	78.04	106.53	101.61
(+/–)	–0.94	–0.28	–0.23
(%)	–1.5	–8.2	–8.4
Scotland:	n/a	99.83	102.86
(+/–)	n/a	–1.08	–0.93
(%)	n/a	–16.1	–0.8

* *Estimated dead carcass weight*

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close
Oct	105.5	105.0
Nov	107.5	107.1
Jan	unq	103.8

Volume: 69

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - *London 6.00pm:* Crude levels stagnated as the MMC meeting dragged on another day.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	20.75	(n/c)
Brent 15 day (Oct)	20.70	(n/c)
Brent 15 day (Nov)	20.60	(n/c)
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	22.00	–0.05
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	21.90	–0.05

PRODUCTS (Buy/sell $/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	242 (n/c)	245 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	196 (+1)	198 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Oct	198 (n/c)	199 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Nov	204 (n/c)	205 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	72 (+1)	73 (n/c)
Naphtha	205 (–2)	209 (–2)

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL

Oct	199.50 SLR	Feb	196.50-95.25
Nov	202.00-01.75	Mar	190.00 SLR
Dec	203.00-02.75	Apr	unq
Jan	201.00 SLR		

Vol: 5114

BRENT

Oct	20.55-20.65	Dec	20.25-20.40
Nov	20.40-20.50		

Vol: n/a

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Sep 91	1531	1530	1532
Oct 91	1670	1649	1667
Jan 92	1728	1701	1717
Apr 92	1725	1710	1720

Vol: 364 lots Open Interest: 2778
Dry cargo index 1522 –1

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1340.5-1341.0	1341.5-1342.0	Vol: 560875
Lead (£/tonne)	305.50-306.50	315.00-316.50	34875
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1016.0-1016.5	1036.5-1038.0	187675
Tin ($/tonne)	5525.0-5535.0	5600.0-5610.0	4995
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1185.0-1186.0	1215.0-1216.0	509075
Nickel ($/tonne):	7575.0-7580.0	7620.0-7625.0	18954

FOX MGMI INDEX

(5pm prices)

	Bid	Offer
Oct	135.80	136.10
Dec	136.50	136.70
Mar	136.70	136.90

Vol: 205

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Azzaam to spark Carson double

MANDARIN

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

HAVING won two listed races in succession, last year's November Handicap winner Azzaam can take a further successful step up in class at Ascot today by winning the group three Hoover Cumberland Lodge Stakes. Willie Carson has chosen to ride the John Dunlop-trained four-year-old in preference to his owner's other runner, Hateel.

Although his two victories this season have been gained over shorter distances, Azzaam proved by winning at Doncaster last autumn that today's trip is well within his capabilities. He has also shown that he likes to make his own running, as he proved conclusively when winning the Doonside Cup by 10 lengths at Ayr last week.

At Ayr, Azzaam beat Spinning, who had earlier ran Drum Taps to two-and-a-half lengths on similar terms in the Geoffrey Freer Stakes at Newbury when Hateel was a disappointing favourite. That suggests that Drum Taps should not be able to give Azzaam 5lb here.

Rock Hopper, however, could prove a notably dangerous opponent as he rarely runs a bad race. This season he has won four of his seven starts, besides finishing a creditable third to Generous and Sanglamore, the winners of the English and French Derbys respectively, in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes over today's course and distance in July.

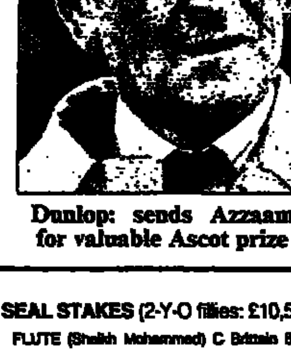
But as Rock Hopper has enjoyed a rest since then in preparation for a challenge on the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe at Longchamp in 10 days' time, he could well find the race-fit Azzaam a shade too sharp this time.

While Young Buster enters calculations having beaten last year's Derby winner Quest For Fame by a neck in the September Stakes at Kempton, albeit on 7lb better terms than weight-for-age, I feel that Dolpour, only a length-and-a-half behind in third, raises a doubt about the form. Also, I wonder whether Young Buster can beat Azzaam on 3lb worse terms than weight-for-age.

Azzaam is taken to become the first leg of a double for Carson, to be completed by Beebob in the Gordon Carter Handicap. In her last two races she has been beaten a neck by Barrish at Sandown and a head by Itqan at Doncaster, each time finishing with such gusto at the end of a mile-and-three-quarters that I feel today's longer distance will suit her well.

Volksraad (2.00), Mathaayl (3.40) and Snaadee (5.10) are the subject of encouraging reports from Newmarket, where they are trained by Henry Cecil, Tom Jones and Michael Stoute respectively.

Although Volksraad has not raced since winning impressively at Newmarket last November, he is reportedly fit and so is napped to make up for lost time by winning the Clarence House Graduation Stakes.


Dunlop: sends Azzaam for valuable Ascot prize

Mathaayl, a half-sister to the 1988 Princess Margaret Stakes winner Muhbubh, is expected to make a winning debut in the Blue Seal Stakes while Russian Bond's lightly-raced brother Snaadee has shown himself capable of winning a race such as the Bishopsgate Apprentice Stakes, since he will be ridden by the promising Francis Norton.

Finally, Marine Diver (2.30), who found trouble in running at Doncaster last time, and Storm Dove (4.40), who beat Perfect Circle at Newmarket before finishing third to Basma at Salisbury, look the likely winners of the Hoover Handicap and the Golden Gates Nursery respectively.

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	RICHARD EVANS
2.00 **VOLKSRAAD** (nap).	2.00 Volksraad.	3.05 **YOUNG BUSTER** (nap).
2.30 Marine Diver.	2.30 Scatter.	3.40 Mathaayl.
3.05 Azzaam.	3.05 Young Buster.	5.10 Snaadee.
3.40 Mathaayl.	3.40 Mathaayl.	
4.10 Beebob.	4.10 Retouch.	
4.40 Storm Dove.	4.40 **SPELL OF THE YUKON** (nap).	
5.10 Snaadee.	5.10 Snaadee.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Volksraad. 3.40 Mathaayl. 5.10 **SNAADEE** (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 **SYLVAN BREEZE**.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-1M STRAIGHT, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 CLARENCE HOUSE GRADUATION STAKES (3-Y-O: £8,538: 7f) (6 runners)

101	(6)	3464-00	BOLD NEPHEW 117 (F) (D Thompson) J Fanshawe 9-4	W R Swinburn	89
102	(2)	10-0	JALLAD 21 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-4	W Carson	80
103	(4)	1-	VOLKSRAAD 328 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-4	S Cauthen	80
104	(3)	62-1	FAIRY FLAX 12 (F) (P Mellon) I Balding 8-13	R Cochrane	80
105	(5)	42-201	CROSSILLION 8 (F) (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) G Wragg 8-11	Pat Eddery	87
106	(1)	040300	SYLVAN BREEZE 72 (Mrs R Johnson) P Mitchell 8-11	W Newnes	● 99

BETTING: 10-11 Volksraad, 11-4 Crossillion, 5-1 Fairy Flax, 14-1 Bold Nephew, Jallad, 16-1 Sylvan Breeze.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

JALLAD tailed-off behind Shalma in a listed race at York (1m 1f, good to firm). VOLKSRAAD beat Bowden Boy 4l in a maiden at Newmarket (6f, good) in November. FAIRY FLAX beat Desert Ditty a neck in a maiden at Chepstow (6f, good to firm), and was 4l 2nd to Crystal Gazing, here (6f, good to firm), last September. CROSSILLION beat Salwan 5l in an apprentice maiden at Yarmouth (1m, firm). SYLVAN BREEZE 16l 12th of 15 to Polish Patriot in a listed race at Lingfield (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start, with BOLD NEPHEW (7lb worse off) a distant last.

Selection: FAIRY FLAX

2.30 HOOVER HANDICAP (£11,355: 1m straight) (9 runners) BBC2

201	(4)	144445	NAYLAND 21 (D,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) G Wragg 5-9-10	W R Swinburn	90
202	(8)	303332	SCATTER 26 (BF,F) (M Gordon) G Harwood 4-9-8	R Cochrane	98
203	(6)	221-061	JAWAB 16 (D,F) (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 4-9-5	M Roberts	91
204	(5)	3/10-003	ALFUJAIRAH 6 (D,G) (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) J Gosden 4-9-5	S Cauthen	92
205	(7)	216-150	BUSTER 14 (F,G) (Mrs B Waring) Mrs B Waring 3-9-5	N Howe	96
206	(3)	13-0000	SELAAH 12 (D,F,G) (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Stoute 4-9-2	—	88
207	(2)	031212	PIQUANT 6 (D,BF,F,G,S) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 4-8-6	D Holland	● 99
208	(1)	521300	DREAM CARRIER 14 (D,F,G) (Mrs J Reglar) R Hannon 3-7-10	W Carson	91
209	(9)	544136	MARINE DIVER 12 (D,F,G) (Merthyr Tydfil Car Ltd) B Millman 5-7-6	J Fanning (5)	93

BETTING: 7-2 Piquant, 9-2 Jawab, Marine Diver, 6-1 Alfujairah, Scatter, 8-1 Nayland, 12-1 Dream Carrier, Selaah, 16-1 Buster.

1990: ROSEATE LODGE 4-8-6 L Dettori (5-1) R Armstrong 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

NAYLAND 9l 5th of 10 to Shalma in a listed race at York (1m 1f, good to firm). SCATTER short-head 2nd to Gilderdale in an amateur riders' race at Sandown (1m 2f, good to firm). JAWAB beat Resan a head at Lingfield (7f 140yd, good to firm). BUSTER beat disappointing Majlood a head on reappearance at Doncaster (7f, good).

PIQUANT ½l 2nd to Knight Of Mercy at Newbury (7f, good to firm), with ALFUJAIRAH (same terms) 3½l 3rd. Previously, beat Pay Homage a short head at Chester (7f, good to firm), with SELAAH (14lb better off) 14l 14th. Previously, 2½l 2nd to Claret at Newbury (1m, good to firm), with SCATTER (8lb better off) 1½l 3rd and DREAM CARRIER (9lb better off) 6l 9th. MARINE DIVER, badly hampered 2f out, 8l 6th to Sky Cloud at Doncaster (1m, good to firm), with SELAAH (3lb better off) 3½l 8th.

Selection: SCATTER

3.05 HOOVER CUMBERLAND LODGE STAKES (Group 3: £31,239: 1m 4f) (5 runners) BBC2

301	(4)	514-021	DRUM TAPS 40 (CD,F,G,S) (Lord Carnarvon) Lord Huntingdon 5-9-5	L Dettori	86
302	(5)	131213	ROCK HOPPER 61 (CD,F,G,S) (M Al Maktoum) M Stoute 4-9-5	Pat Eddery	88
303	(3)	11-0011	AZZAAM 8 (D,F,G,S) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 4-9-0	W Carson	● 99
304	(1)	314126	HATEEL 40 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 5-9-0	R Cochrane	93
305	(2)	22-2121	YOUNG BUSTER 19 (D,F,G) (Exors of the late E Moller) G Wragg 3-8-9	W R Swinburn	82

BETTING: 2-1 Rock Hopper, 9-4 Azzaam, 100-30 Young Buster, 7-1 Drum Taps, 8-1 Hateel.

1990: ILE DE NISKY 4-9-0 G Carter (7-1) G Huffer 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

DRUM TAPS beat Spinning 2½l in group II Ibn Bey Geoffrey Freer Stakes at Newbury (1m 5f 60yd, good to firm), with HATEEL (2lb better off) tailed-off 8th. ROCK HOPPER 8l 3rd to Generous in group I King George & Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Stakes over course and distance (good). Previously, beat Mukddaam a head in group II Princess Of Wales's Stakes at Newmarket (1m 4f, good).

AZZAAM made all, beat Spinning 10l in a listed race at Ayr (1m 3f, good to firm). Previously, made all, beat Crystal Path 3l in a listed race at Kempton (1m 2f, heavy). HATEEL 2½l 2nd to Lomitas in group I Der Grosser Preis Der Berliner Bank at Dusseldorf (1m 4f, good) on penultimate start. Previously, beat Steel Sider 8l in a listed race at the Curragh (1m 6f, yielding). YOUNG BUSTER beat Quest For Fame a neck in group III September Stakes at Kempton (1m 3f, good). Previously, 4l 2nd to Corrupt in group III Lingfield Derby Trial (1m 3f 60yd, good).

Selection: ROCK HOPPER

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	40	117	34.2	S Cauthen	53	224	23.7
J Gosden	8	30	26.7	Pat Eddery	52	260	20.0
L Cumani	25	104	24.0	R Hills	12	67	17.9
W O'Gorman	5	21	23.8	L Dettori	15	99	15.2
A Stewart	8	36	22.2	W Carson	34	235	14.5
R Akehurst	9	46	19.6	W R Swinburn	18	153	11.8

3.40 BLUE SEAL STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £10,575: 6f) (5 runners) BBC2

401	(1)		FLUTE (Sheikh Mohammed) C Brittain 8-8	S Cauthen	—
402	(4)		MATHAAYL (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-8	R Hills	—
403	(2)	3	MISTERIOSO 13 (J Bailey) D Elsworth 8-8	W Carson	● 99
404	(3)		PETITE SIRENE (Baron Edouard de Rothschild) L Cumani 8-8	L Dettori	—
405	(5)		THEWAARI (S Suhail) A Scott 8-8	Pat Eddery	—

BETTING: 15-8 Mathaayl, 9-4 Petite Sirene, 4-1 Thewaari, 11-2 Misterioso, 13-2 Flute.

1990: CRYSTAL GAZING 8-8 L Dettori (10-11 fav) L Cumani 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

MISTERIOSO 5l 3rd of 5 to Valmont at Goodwood (6f, good to firm). FLUTE (foaled May 3, cost $45,000), Woodman half-sister to a minor winner in the United States. MATHAAYL (Apr 18), Shadeed half-sister to group III 6f winning juvenile Muhbubh. PETITE SIRENE (Apr 24, $77,000), Storm Bird half-sister to a winner in the United States out of a half-sister to champion miler Miesque. THEWAARI (Feb 16, $22,000), Eskimo half-sister to 3 winners in the United States.

No Selection

4.10 GORDON CARTER HANDICAP (£11,355: 2m 45yds) (14 runners) BBC2

501	(5)	216622	RETOUCH 37 (CD,F,G) (S Wingfield Digby) P Cole 5-9-10	A Munro	● 99
502	(6)	125/0	KNIFEBOARD 20 (B,G) (D Williamson) T Hallett 5-8-8	J Williams	—
503	(4)	0632/	BELDALE STAR 593J (F,S) (R Kilby) R Akehurst 8-8-4	T Quinn	—
504	(9)	01424	HIDDEN QUEST 20 (F) (A Al Khalifa) G Harwood 3-8-4	R Cochrane	97
505	(10)	254-130	MUSE 19 (F,S) (White Horse Racing Ltd) D Elsworth 4-8-1	M Roberts	90
506	(13)	111522	BEEBOB 14 (G) (D Johnson) G Lewis 3-7-12	W Carson	95
507	(2)	505503	MULL HOUSE 7 (D,F) (Mrs B Facchino) J Sutcliffe 4-7-9	N Adams	96
508	(11)	54-6141	BARDOLPH 64 (F,S) (Sir George Meyrick) P Cole 4-7-9	F Norton (5)	94
509	(8)	121156	BRANDON PRINCE 31 (B,D,F,G) (R Michaelson) I Balding 3-7-8	R Fox	97
510	(12)	106424	POSTAGE STAMP 27 (D,F) (The Losers Owners Group) J Hills 4-7-8	D Holland	95
511	(14)	621632	ROBERTY LEA 37 (F,G) (D Bowker) T Fairhurst 8-7-7	J Fanning (5)	94
512	(3)	065216	GO SOUTH 52 (B,D,F,G,S) (R Joachim) J Jenkins 7-7-7	N Carlisle	92
513	(1)	302023	PRINCE SOBUR 8 (S) (C Buttery) M Blanshard 5-7-7	J Quinn	89
514	(7)	100000	MILTON BURN 92 (D,F,G,S) (A Richards) C Austin 10-7-7	B Doyle (5)	80

Long handicap: Roberty Lea 7-6, Go South 7-6, Prince Sobur 7-2, Milton Burn 6-0.

BETTING: 9-2 Beebob, 6-1 Hidden Quest, Mull House, 7-1 Retouch, 8-1 Bardolph, Muse, 14-1 Beldale Star, Brandon Prince, Postage Stamp, Roberty Lea, 20-1 South, Prince Sobur, 100-1 others.

1990: DANCE SPECTRUM 4-10-0 R Cochrane (7-1) G Harwood 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

RETOUCH 2½l 2nd to Supreme Choice in a listed race at York (2m, good). Previously, 1½l 2nd to Haitham at Goodwood (2m 4f, good). HIDDEN QUEST ¾l 4th of 12 to Castoret at Kempton (1m 6f, good to firm), with KNIFEBOARD tailed-off 12th. Previously, ½l 2nd to Prince Hannibal, pair clear, at Brighton (1m 4f, good to firm). MUSE ¾l 3rd of 19 to Shambo at Kempton (2m, good) in March on penultimate start, with PRINCE SOBUR 10¾l 7th, RETOUCH 10th and MILTON BURN 17th.

BEEBOB head 2nd to Itqan at Doncaster (1m 6f 132yd, good to firm). Previously, a neck 2nd to Barrish at Sandown (1m 6f, good to firm). MULL HOUSE 4¾l 3rd to Dutyful at Lingfield (2m, good to firm). BARDOLPH beat Ryecove 3l at Sandown (1m 6f, good to soft), with POSTAGE STAMP (same terms) 2l 4th.

BRANDON PRINCE 7½l 6th to Art Form at Warwick (2m, good to firm). POSTAGE STAMP 5½l 4th to French Ivy at Chester (2m, good to firm). ROBERTY LEA 1½l 2nd to Michelotti at York (1m 6f, good), with BEEBOB (same terms) 10l 5th.

Selection: RETOUCH

4.40 GOLDEN GATES NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £8,850: 6f) (9 runners)

601	(7)	4314	SILVIO ALFREDO 57 (D,G) (L Gaucci) C Brittain 9-7	M Roberts	81
602	(4)	021	SUNDAY'S HILL 54 (D,G) (S Hinton) M Blanshard 9-1	W Newnes	86
603	(2)	14	NORTH ESK 12 (D,BF,F) (Lord Swaythling) J Watts 8-13	J Reid	92
604	(8)	613	STORM DOVE 21 (D,BF,G) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 8-13	Pat Eddery	● 99
605	(1)	313525	BEST FINISH 9 (Mrs P Yong) W O'Gorman 8-10	L Dettori	92
606	(3)	413065	DOLLAR WINE 33 (F) (N Ahamad) R Hannon 8-8	B Rouse	86
607	(6)	2131	SPELL OF THE YUKON 33 (D,G) (P Mellon) I Balding 8-8	R Cochrane	95
608	(9)	2332	FIGHTING TEMERAIRE 10 (Kennet Valley Ltd) P Cole 8-7	F Norton (5)	93
609	(5)	640	MY CZECH MATE 13 (Mrs D Hayes) R Hannon 7-8	N Carlisle	80

BETTING: 3-1 Spell Of The Yukon, 7-2 North Esk, Storm Dove, 6-1 Fighting Temeraire, 7-1 Sunday's Hill, 12-1 Best Finish, Silvio Alfredo, 16-1 Dollar Wine, 25-1 My Czech Mate.

1990: PUNCH N'RUN 9-3 B Rouse (16-1) R Hannon 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

SILVIO ALFREDO 11½l last of 4 to Dilum in group II Richmond Stakes at Goodwood (6f, good). Previously, beat Lead The Dance ½l in a maiden at Newmarket (6f, good).

SUNDAY'S HILL beat Blake End neck in a maiden at Newmarket (5f, good). NORTH ESK 2¾l 4th of 9 to Holetown at Doncaster (6f, good to firm). STORM DOVE 7½l 3rd to useful Basma at Salisbury (6f, good to firm). Previously beat Perfect Circle ¾l in a maiden at Newmarket (6f, good). BEST FINISH staying-on 5l 5th of 8 to Minstrel's Age at Yarmouth (7f, firm). SPELL OF THE YUKON beat Miss Doody 2½l at Goodwood (6f, good), with DOLLAR WINE (7lb better off) 4¾l 5th. FIGHTING TEMERAIRE head 2nd to Shaping Up in a maiden at Bath (5f 161yd, firm). Previously, 3½l 3rd to Red Ruffian in an auction maiden at Salisbury (5f, good to soft).

Selection: STORM DOVE

5.10 BISHOPSGATE APPRENTICE STAKES (£3,915: 7f) (9 runners)

1	(8)	8-61210	CAPE PIGEON 55 (D,F,S) (E Gadsden) L Cottrell 6-8-11	R Perham	80
2	(2)	0-00065	HEROES SASH 23 (B,G) (N Jones) A Moore 6-8-11	A Tucker	80
3	(5)	0065	PHARAOH'S DANCER 10 (J Deveney) E Wheeler 4-8-11	B Thomas (5)	—
4	(7)	1	SNAADEE 118 (D,F) (M Al Maktoum) M Stoute 4-8-11	F Norton	80
5	(6)	030510	ASTERIX 16 (V,D,F) (T Marshall) C C Elsey 3-8-7	NON-RUNNER	—
6	(1)	21	CONSIGLIERE 12 (F) (T Ellis) R Charlton 3-8-7	D Holland	87
7	(9)	420040	FLYING PROMISE 36 (R Bennett) R Bennett 3-8-7	Emma Boxer (10)	80
8	(3)	200225	SHAFOURI 12 (D,F) (A Al Jafleh) Mrs L Piggott 3-8-7	G Milligan (5)	93
9	(4)	203005	TOO CONSPICUOUS 13 (F) (F Kalla) N Callaghan 3-8-7	J Tate (10)	● 99

BETTING: 4-5 Snaadee, 5-2 Consigliere, 5-1 Cape Pigeon, 8-1 Shafouri, 10-1 Too Conspicuous, 14-1 others.

1990: CHILDREY 3-8-2 D Stather (2-1 fav) G Harwood 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

CAPE PIGEON beat Highest Praise ½l at Lingfield (7f 140yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. HEROES SASH 4l 5th to Sawaki at Brighton (7f, good to firm). PHARAOH'S DANCER 30½l last of 5 to Democratic at Leicester (1m, good).

SNAADEE beat Canaan Valley 7l in Newcastle a maiden at (7f, good to firm). CONSIGLIERE beat Cradle Of Love 1l in a maiden at Goodwood (1m, good to firm). FLYING PROMISE 9l 12th to Fivesevenfiveo at Windsor (6f, good to firm). SHAFOURI 6l 5th to Sky Cloud at Doncaster (1m, good to firm). Previously, head 2nd to Souk at Newmarket (7f, good), with TOO CONSPICUOUS (7lb better off) 6l 7th.

Selection: SHAFOURI (nap)

Racing presents case for £50m in next levy round

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

RACING yesterday set out its case for halting the sport's financial decline by demanding £50 million from the betting industry in 1992, building up to £100 million in future years.

The increased return from off-course bookmakers, who make annual pre-tax profits of about £130 million, would involve fundamental changes to the levy system and the promise of a fixture list tailor-made to betting shop requirements.

Racing's carrot-and-stick submission to the current round of levy negotiations is the most professional and well documented in the 31-year history of the levy rounds. The Jockey Club, which produced the the case for "a fair price for racing's product," with the Horseracing Advisory Council, relies heavily on the conclusions of the Commons home affairs select committee reports, notably the figure of £50 million identified by MPs.

Kenneth Young, chief executive of the HAC, said: "The decision to be taken over the 31st levy scheme is more important than any of the 30 that have gone before it. In reaching that decision, we trust that the board, and if necessary the Government, will heed the advice of the home affairs select committee for a real-terms increase in the amount paid by betting to racing."

In a similar vein, Christopher Haines, the chief executive of the Jockey Club, said: "I cannot emphasise strongly enough that this is not simply a case of racing calling blindly for more money from the betting industry. Our submission is ingenious, fair and in line with the recommendations of the home affairs select committee."

Sadly, racing's case is in danger of being undermined by the reluctance of the Jockey Club to announce its willingness to agree to the other main recommendation submitted by the select committee, that a single racing authority should take over the control of racing from the Jockey Club.

The need for racing to "put its house in order" and achieve commericial and democratic accountability was, in the view of the MPs, every bit as strong as the sport's demand for a better return from the bookmakers. Yet Portman Square appears to be dragging its heels. If the current levy negotiations end in deadlock and go to Kenneth Baker for determination at the end of October, as seems likely, racing's case could be seriously prejudiced by Portman Square's attitude.

Horserace betting turnover in 1990-91 was around £4.2 billion and contributed £336 million in betting duty to Government coffers. While off-course bookies made estimated pre-tax profits of £126 million, less than £40 million filtered back to racing via the levy.

Racing's case for £50 million next year hinges on amending the levy system. Betting shops currently pay a fixed fee of £185 a year and do not have to pay levy on the first £225,000 of turnover. The system means no levy is paid on £2 billion of turnover nationwide.

Racing wants the fixed fee increased to £500 and a sliding levy-free scale so that shops with turnover of more than £545,000 pay levy on all turnover.

In return, racing is offering to improve the fixture list, with more attractive handicaps, major races on the best betting days and new fixtures for evening opening, which will increase bookmaker profits.

It also suggests racing and bookmakers should press the Government to end "tax on tax" involving stakes and deductions, with the £30 million balance returned to the sport.

The Bookmakers' Committee gave racing's proposals short shrift last night, saying "it is unrealistic to seek an increase in the levy yield when off-course betting turnover is in serious decline and the profitability of bookmaking is being eroded."

RACING'S FINANCES (1990)

COST OF RACING (£m)		REVENUE TO RACING (£m)	
Owners	179.9	Punters' levy payments	37.7
Racecourses	73.3	Sponsors	9.0
Jockey Club	4.7	Racecourses	60.9
Levy Board	7.4		
Total	265.3	Total	107.6

Overall deficit to racing £157.7m

Irish win for Jones

ACE Of Spies, trained near Cheltenham by Gill Jones, won the Ir£13,000 Guinness Kerry National at Listowel yesterday.

The ten-year-old, who has lodged with Austin Leahy in Limerick since July, was ridden by Leahy's stable jockey, Gerry O'Neill, to a 15-length success over Bonne Sante.

"After giving him a rest I hope to win another race or two at home before the ground turns soft and the good horses come back into contention," said Mrs Jones.

Second Set drifts out

SECOND Set yesterday eased from 7-4 to 2-1 favourite with Corals for the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot on Saturday (George Rae writes).

The Luca Cumani-trained colt was pushed out in the face of steady support for Shadayid, who was trimmed from 7-1 to 6-1.

However, Willie Carson has still to announce whether he will ride Shadayid or Mukaddamah in the big race. Both are owned by Sheikh Hamdan Al-Maktoum.

There was also support for the American challenger, Forty Niner Days, who was trimmed to 25-1 from 33-1. The gelding, trained in California by Roger Stein, worked on the course for the first time yesterday morning. Seamus O'Gorman deputised for big-race jockey Pat Valenzuela, who arrives today.

"Ascot helped us with the cost of the trip," Stein said, "but I'm glad they did because international racing should not just take place on Breeders' Cup day."

The ground at Ascot for the three-day meeting which begins today is good to firm, but, with the prospect of some rain, course officials expect conditions to be good by Saturday.

MANDARIN

2.20 Bannister. 2.50 Grey Tornado. 3.20 Deepky. 3.50 Lad Lane. 4.20 Nordic Delight. 4.50 Shot Stopper.

THUNDERER

2.20 Bannister. 2.50 Shalchlo Boy. 3.20 Deepky. 3.50 Lad Lane. 4.20 Nordic Delight. 4.50 Shot Stopper.

GOING: HARD

2.20 BROADWAY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,470: 2m 3f) (6 runners)

1 -511 BANNISTER 15 (F) M Pipe 6-11-3 P Scudamore
2 F344 MARLBOROUGH LADY 8 (F) Mrs A Knight 5-10-12 W Sberry (7)
3 -505 ARCTICFLOW 15 N Thomson 6-10-10 J Neaves (7)
4 /0P- THE BUTLER 203 W G M Turner 5-10-10 R Dunwoody
5 BELLA KNIGHT R Hodges 5-10-5 A Tory
6 MISS MELBURY N Mitchell 6-10-5 G Upton

1-2 Bannister, 4-1 Marlborough Lady, 6-1 Arcticflow, 10-1 Bella Knight, 20-1 Miss Melbury, 25-1 The Butler.

2.50 WILLIAM STANSELL TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,550: 3m) (5)

1 44-0 GREY TORNADO 12 (C,F) C Popham 10-12-0 D Meade (7)
2 -5P3 SMALLWOOD WILLET 15 (F) R Buckler 11-11-1 R Dunwoody
3 -424 SHALCHLO BOY 31 (BF,F,G) R Hodges 7-10-0 S Burrough
4 31-4 SIGN POST 15 (F) Mrs J Wonnacott 7-10-0 S Donohoe (5)
5 6-33 TORRE TRADER 34 (G) R Frost 9-10-0 —

11-8 Shalcho Boy, 3-1 Torre Trader, 9-2 Grey Tornado, 8-1 Sign Post, 10-1 Smallwood Willet.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Pipe, 45 winners from 156 runners, 28.8%; G Ham, 5 from 26, 19.2%; R Holder, 8 from 44, 18.2%; W G M Turner, 5 from 36, 13.9%; R Hodges, 18 from 136, 13.2%; C Popham, 12 from 91, 13.2%.

JOCKEYS: P Scudamore, 32 winners from 92 rides, 34.8%; N Mann, 5 from 21, 23.8%; S Burrough, 4 from 23, 17.4%; A Jones, 3 from 19, 15.8%, A Tory, 4 from 31, 12.9%; B Powell, 18 from 146, 12.3%.

3.20 TAUNTON CASTLE NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,470: 2m 110yds) (6)

1 3433 SECRET SUMMIT 10 (V,D,F) A Moore 5-11-4 G Moore
2 0-6P GIN AND ORANGE 19 (V) J Jenkins 5-10-13 R Dunwoody
3 BALISHY 10F R Holder 4-10-7 E Byrne
4 0-2P DEEPKY 12 (BF) M Pipe 4-10-7 P Scudamore
5 P30- HOSTESS QUICKLY 143 (B) D Carey 4-10-7 Lorna Vincent
6 SHARP N' EASY 9F D Tucker 4-10-7 S McNeill

11-10 Deepky, 3-1 Sharp N' Easy, 4-1 Gin And Orange, 6-1 Secret Summit, 10-1 Balishy, 20-1 Hostess Quickly.

3.50 GRUNWICK NOVICES CHASE (£2,029: 2m 110yds) (5)

1 0-8U BETWEEN THE SHEETS 8 (D,F) N Mitchell 6-11-3 D Skyrme
2 FUP- DICK THE SPUDDLER 124 G Ham 6-11-3 B Powell
3 0-P2 LAD LANE 8 (B,F) C Popham 7-11-3 W Irvine
4 284U RYTON RUN 10 J White 6-11-3 A Jones
5 523 AL-KHALIDA 10 (B) R Hodges 7-10-12 A Tory

13-8 Lad Lane, 3-1 Al-Khalida, 4-1 Ryton Run, 6-1 Between The Sheets, 10-1 Dick The Spuddler.

4.20 SUMMERFIELD HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,214: 2m 110yds) (6)

1 -112 THE MAGUE 10 (B,D,BF,D,F) R Johnson Houghton 7-12-0 H Davies
2 1132 NORDIC DELIGHT 15 (V,D,F,G) M Pipe 4-11-7 P Scudamore
3 3212 SEVEN SONS 13 (D,F,G) W G M Turner 4-11-1 D Bridgwater (3)
4 8/0- BRAVO STAR 355 (D,F) P Rodford 6-10-12 M A Fitzgerald (7)
5 40-2 PANT LLIN 12 (B,D,F) F Jordan 5-10-10 J Lodder
6 4341 SEQUESTRATOR 10 (D,F) P Evans 8-10-9 (7ex) T Wall

5-2 Nordic Delight, 3-1 Pant Llin, 4-1 The Mague; 6-1 Seven Sons, 8-1 Sequestrator, 10-1 Bravo Star.

4.50 WIVELISCOMBE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,457: 2m 110yds) (5)

1 3 SHAMSHOM AL ARAB 10 W Carter 10-9 Dale McKeown
2 SIR DANCELOT 19F R Simpson 10-9 D Gallagher
3 CASIENNE 10F R Holder 10-4 N Mann
4 OUR MARTHA 40F J Roberts 10-4 B Powell
5 3 SHOT STOPPER 12 (BF) M Pipe 10-4 P Scudamore

8-13 Shot Stopper, 7-2 Shamshom Al Arab, 6-1 Casienne, 10-1 Sir Dancelot, 14-1 Our Martha.

Blinkered first time

ASCOT: 4.10 Knifeboard.

MANDARIN	THUNDERER
2.15 Master Ofthe House.	2.15 Preoblakensky.
2.45 Carswell's Choice.	2.45 Who's In Charge.
3.15 The Demon Barber.	3.15 La Cienaga.
3.45 Captain Mor.	3.45 Moment Of Truth.
4.15 Darika Lad.	4.15 Azureus.
4.45 Azusa.	4.45 Azusa.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (CHASE COURSE); GOOD (HURDLES) SIS

2.15 HIGHLAND SPRING NOVICES HURDLE (£2,402: 2m) (15 runners)

1	2/31	DANCING NORTH 9 (F) (R Gibbons) R Allan 6-11-7	B Storey	—
2	06	ANOTHER MARCH 31 (C Dobson) J Birkett 5-11-0	S Turner	—
3	6P0-	ASTON AGAIN 177 (J Featherstone) G Moore 5-11-0	M Dwyer	—
4	00P-	FINDOGLEN 171 (B Coutts and Friends) K Oliver 5-11-0	G Thomson (7)	—
5	0-	GOLDEN BEAU 16F (P Jillings) A Harrison 9-11-0	P Harley	—
6	54326-2	MASTER OFTHE HOUSE 54 (BF) (Tupgill Park Club) M Hammond 5-11-0	P Niven	—
7	P0-F	MEZZOTINT 20 (J Wade) J Wade 5-11-0	K Jones	—
8	5050-	SPRING MORN 150F (Mrs S Taylor) Mrs S Taylor 5-11-0	G Harker	—
9		CONSTRUCT (L S Conc Ltd) Mrs P Barker 4-10-12	C Hawkins	—
10	050-	PLATINUM REBEL 122 (Syd Ramsey) J Charlton 4-10-12	J O'Gorman	—
11	0-	PREOBLAKENSKY 155 (Toravon Homes) G Richards 4-10-12	N Doughty	—
12	0-	HIGH MARINER 411 (R Williams) D Burchell 5-10-9	D J Burchell	—
13	P6-	SPRINGFIELD FLYER 124 (D McCune) D McCune 5-10-9	A Merrigan	—
14	53/0/P0-	WITCHES RUN 173 (Miss H Cope) P Hobbs 7-10-9	Peter Hobbs	—
15		MARIAN EVANS 129F (T Craig) T Craig 4-10-7	F Perratt (7)	—

BETTING: 9-4 Master Ofthe House, 4-1 Preoblakensky, 5-1 Dancing North, 7-1 Witches Run, 10-1 Aston Again, Golden Beau, Mezzotint, 14-1 Another March, 20-1 others.

1990: MR WOODCOCK 5-11-7 P Niven (11-10 fav) Mrs G Reveley 16 ran

2.45 LUNCARTY NOVICES CHASE (£2,493: 3m) (7 runners)

1	0-31	WHO'S IN CHARGE 15 (CD,F) (North East Racing) G Coatsworth 7-11-10	A Merrigan	—
2	06665-2	CARSWELL'S CHOICE 33 (F) (R Fisher) R Fisher 8-11-4	P Niven	—
3	P500P-P	CROSSETT CRUISADER 19 (B) (E Caine) E Caine 11-11-4	Mr J Beardsall	—
4	/PP-450	MORE COOL 7 (The More Cool Partnership) P Hobbs 6-11-4	Peter Hobbs	—
5	0P0B0-U	OFF THE BRU 15 (Mrs S Bradburne) Mrs S Bradburne 6-11-4	Mr J Bradburne	—
6		RAGOREY (T McDonagh Ltd) W A Stephenson 8-11-4	C Grant	—
7	33430R-	WICINGA 178 (J Leeming) Miss L Perratt 5-11-0	G McCourt	—

BETTING: 1-2 Who's In Charge, 5-1 Ragorey, 6-1 Carswell's Choice, 8-1 Wicinga, 12-1 More Cool, 16-1 Off The Bru, 33-1 Crossett Cruisader.

1990: CAUTIOUS PETE 7-11-11 Mr K Johnson (10-11 fav) W A Stephenson 5 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
Miss L Perratt	3	4	75.0	G McCourt	12	27	44.4
N Tinkler	9	21	42.9	C Maude	3	7	42.9
R Fisher	4	14	28.6	D J Burchell	6	23	26.1
G Moore	16	57	28.1	M Dwyer	17	68	25.0
Mrs G Reveley	6	27	22.2	P Niven	16	72	22.2
D Burchell	6	27	22.2	C Grant	20	97	20.6

(Not including yesterday's results)

3.15 HIGHLAND SPRING SCOTTISH CELEBRATION HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,412: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

1	1/12363-	KHARIF 216 (F,G,S) (R Gibbons) R Allan 7-12-0	J Callaghan (3)	—
2	10151-1	THE DEMON BARBER 13 (C,D,F,G,S) (Slotamatics Ltd) G Richards 9-11-10	N Doughty	—
3	2F330P-	LA CIENAGA 174 (D,F) (Duke of Atholl) G Balding 7-11-5	J Frost	—
4	3044-11	DEB'S BALL 7F (F,S) (Miss M Faragher) D Moffatt 5-11-3	D J Moffatt (7)	—
5	21P61-2	MARLINGFORD 7F (C,G,S) (J Law) Mrs J Jordan 4-11-0	D Morris	—
6	1144/PP-	AMBUSCADE 122F (F,S) (Mrs L Firth) Mrs G Reveley 5-10-11	P Niven	—
7	82F-331	CHESWOLD 20 (D,F,S) (Mrs S Taylor) Mrs S Taylor 7-10-6	G Harker	—
8	031132-	ABIGAIL'S DREAM 10F (D) (Mrs M Brooks) D Burchell 4-10-0	D J Burchell	—

Long handicap: Abigail's Dream 9-10.

BETTING: 5-2 Marlingford, 7-2 The Demon Barber, 4-1 Cheswold, 5-1 Deb's Ball, 7-1 La Cienaga, 10-1 Abigail's Dream, 12-1 Kharif, 20-1 Ambuscade.

1990: RANDOLPH PLACE 9-12-0 N Doughty (9-2) G Richards 8 ran

3.45 PERTHSHIRE CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,818: 2m 4f) (5 runners)

1	0FF2P4-	BORACEVA 159 (F,G,S) (Duke of Atholl) G Balding 8-12-0	J Frost	—
2	2232P4-	ASTON EXPRESS 162 (D,G,S) (J Featherstone) G Moore 8-11-6	M Dwyer	—
3	40102-2	CAPTAIN MOR 7 (D,F,G,S) (P Piller) W A Stephenson 9-11-3	C Grant	—
4	11F11-1	MOMENT OF TRUTH 41 (CD,F,G,S) (J Glass) P Monteith 7-11-3	L O'Hara	—
5	1242P5-	TACTICO 156 (B,C,D,F,G,S) (I Dalgleish) J J O'Neill 9-11-0	—	—

BETTING: 5-4 Moment Of Truth, 11-4 Captain Mor, 6-1 Boraceva, Tactico, 7-1 Aston Express.

1990: FULL STRENGTH 7-11-9 N Doughty (evens fav) G Richards 4 ran

4.15 SCOTTISH SERIES JUVENILE CHAMPIONSHIP NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,856: 2m) (10 runners)

1	11	AZUREUS 8F (CD,F) (J Murdoch) Miss L Perratt 11-6	P Niven	—
2		BUSTER'S PAL 176F (K Higson) Denys Smith 10-10	P Waggott (7)	—
3		CRIMSON CLOUD 8F (Mrs S Oakes) N Tinkler 10-10	G McCourt	—
4	2	DARIKA LAD 9 (J Rookes) A Harrison 10-10	P Harley	—
5		GALLATEEN 127F (E Madden) G Richards 10-10	N Doughty	—
6		PIMS GUNNER 12F (T Brooks) D Burchell 10-10	D J Burchell	—
7		GO TALLY-HO 16F (V) (Mrs C Berry) J J O'Neill 10-5	M Dwyer	—
8		KINLET VISION 41F (Wyre Foresters) K Oliver 10-5	G Thomson (7)	—
9		MANGROVE MIST 61F (Coupar Capital Racing) P Monteith 10-5	L O'Hara	—
10	0	SEME DE LYS 41 (A Penman) G Richards 10-5	M Moloney (3)	—

BETTING: 5-4 Azureus, 9-2 Gallateen, 7-1 Darika Lad, 8-1 Go Tally-Ho, 10-1 Crimson Cloud, 12-1 Seme De Lys, 14-1 Kinlet Vision, Pims Gunner, 16-1 Buster's Pal, 20-1 others.

1990: BELFORT PRINCE 10-10 M Dwyer (9-4 fav) G Moore 7 ran

4.45 KINNOULL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,842: 3m) (5 runners)

1	1U4-111	AZUSA 15 (CD,F,G) (Mrs J Milligan) M Hammond 8-11-10	D Bentley (3)	—
2	031251-	PRINCE BISHOP 171 (F,S) (A Proos) N Miller 5-11-7	J Supple (3)	—
3	0368-21	VALIANT DASH 9 (F,G,S) (G Orchard) S Kettlewell 5-11-2 (5ex)	S Taylor (3)	—
4	3-S3122	GALLOWAY RAIDER 9 (F,S) (J Bianchi) Denys Smith 7-10-12	P Waggott (3)	—
5	U2P000-	DE PROFUNDIS 179 (G,V) (I Steers) P Hobbs 7-10-0	C Maude	—

BETTING: 4-5 Azusa, 7-2 Galloway Raider, 5-1 Prince Bishop, Valiant Dash, 14-1 De Profundis.

1990: JAUNTY JIG 4-10-2 A Lamach (7-2) W A Stephenson 7 ran

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S FOUR MEETINGS

Brighton

Going: good

1.45 (5f 59yd) 1, Power Lake (B Raymond, 6-5 fav), 2, Shati (9-2); 3, Valmont (6-4). 5 ran. Hd, ¾l. R Hannon. Tote: £1.90; £1.30, £1.90. DF: £3 10. CSF: £6.17.

2.15 (7f 214yd) 1, Old Comrades (T Rogers, 14-1); 2, Kirby Opportunity (11-2); 3, Kevinsbelle (12-1); 4, Norfolk Thatch (9-4 fav). 17 ran. 3l, hd, 1½l. L Cottrell. Tote: £30.60; £4 60, £2.50, £3.90, £1.50. DF: £49 70. CSF: £102.91. Tricast: £928 79.

2.45 (7f 214yd) 1, Conquista (J Williams, 10-1), 2, Designate (11-2); 3, Shake Town (9-2). Guapa 4-1 fav. 11 ran. Sh hd, 1l. Lady Herries. Tote. £15.10; £2.80, £2.80, £1.70. DF: £58.90. CSF: £60.47. Tricast: £260 75.

3.15 (5f 59yd) 1, Stocktina (W Carson, 11-2); 2, Saint Systems (5-1 jt-fav); 3, Rushanes (25-1). Martinosky 5-1 jt-fav. 10 ran. 2l, 2l. R Hodges. Tote: £4.80; £1.60, £1.40, £5.10. DF: £8.20. CSF: £28.85. Tricast: £526.40.

3.45 (6f 209yd) 1, Native Chieftan (M Roberts, 5-4 fav); 2, Confronter (5-1); 3, Grog (33-1). 10 ran. 2½l, 2½l. R Hannon. Tote: £2 30; £1.10, £1.70, £4.70. DF: £3.40. CSF: £8.03.

4.15 (1m 1f 209yd) 1, Top Shiel (L Dettori, 7-4 fav); 2, Northern Trial (7-1); 3, Top Shereek (13-2). 8 ran. 6l, 4l. L Cumani. Tote. £2.40; £1.20, £1.90, £1.80. DF £9.10. CSF £13.84.

4.45 (1m 3f 196yd) 1, Greenwich Bambi (R Cochrane, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Bankroll (9-1); 3, War Beat (5-1). Raise A Star 4-1 jt-fav. 8 ran. 3l, 1½l. W Carter. Tote: £5.30; £1.50, £2.60, £1 30. DF: £18.60. CSF: £35.37. Tricast. £166.36.

Placepot: £85.10.

Perth

Going: good to soft (chase course); (good) hurdles

2.00 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Prince Metternich (Mr S Lyons, 11-4 fav); 2, Linn Falls (6-1); 3, Clares Horse (12-1). 11 ran. ½l, 1½l. M Hammond. Tote: £3.90; £1.80, £1.80, £2.70. DF: £13.60. CSF: £18.36. NR: Drovers Road, Slim Artiste.

2.30 (2m ch) 1, Arpal Forever (B Storey, 1-2 fav); 2, Zam's Slave (7-4); 3, Crossett Cruisader (33-1). 3 ran. 2l, dist. R Allan. Tote: £1.40. DF: £1.10. CSF: £1.58.

3.00 (2m hdle) 1, Persuasive (M Dwyer, 10-11 fav); 2, Smiljaya (8-1); 3, Baldine (5-1). 7 ran. Sh hd, 10l. Miss L Perratt. Tote: £2.30; £1.80, £2.60. DF: £4.90. CSF: £8.13.

3.30 (3m ch) 1, Over The Deel (C Grant, 14-1); 2, Kirsty's Boy (Evens fav); 3, Fighting Jessica (7-2). 6 ran. 1½l, 25l. W A Stephenson. Tote: £9.40; £2.80, £1.30. DF. £8.40. CSF: £26.82.

4.00 (3m hdle) 1, Tanter Close (P Niven, 2-7 fav); 2, Back Before Dark (5-1); 3, Bluebell Track (12-1). 7 ran. 8l, 15l. M Hammond. Tote: £1.50; £1.40, £1.70. DF: £1.90. CSF: £2.29.

4.30 (2m ch) 1, Island Jetsetter (M Dwyer, 2-1); 2, Midland Express (6-1); 3, Clares Own (8-1). Sonsie Mo 5-4 fav. 4 ran. Sh hd, 20l. Jimmy Fitzgerald. Tote: £2.40. DF: £2.20. CSF: £10.28.

5.00 (1m 5f flat) 1, Easby Mandrina (F Murtagh, 8-1); 2, Smart In Sable (20-1); 3, True Dilemma (4-1). Stef The Greek 11-4 fav. 15 ran. NR: Space Captain. 4l, 5l. S Kettlewell. Tote: £12.80; £2.30, £2.10, £2.40. DF: £62.20, CSF: £136.85.

Placepot: £21.90.

Ludlow

Going: hard

2.20 (2m hdle) 1, Super Malt (B Powell, 5-4 fav); 2, Midas Blue (14-1); 3, La Perest (10-1). 8 ran. 5l, 7l. Miss K Allison. Tote: £4.10; £1.60, £2.20. DF: £28.90. CSF: £15.33.

2.50 (2m 4f ch) 1, They All Forgot Me (M Lynch, 10-11 fav); 2, Casino Magic (Evens); 3, Littlecote Lad (33-1). 3 ran. 12l, dist. T Casey. Tote: £1.80. DF: £1.20. CSF: £1.98.

3.20 (3m 1f hdle) 1, Bravo Setanta (Mr K Comerford, 4-6 fav); 2, Carogrove (6-4); 3, Benott (33-1). 4 ran. ¾l, dist. F O'Mahony. Tote. £2.00. DF: £1.60. CSF: £1.90.

3.50 (2m 5f hdle) 1, Oneninefive (B Powell, 9-1); 2, Dancing Eyes (11-10 fav); 3, Micronova (2-1). 5 ran. 8l, 10l. G Ham. Tote: £4.20, £1.50, £1.60. DF: £3.10. CSF: £17.88.

4.20 (2m ch) 1, Ronocco (S McNeill, 6-4); 2, Chain Shot (4-7 fav). 2 ran. NR: Market Leader. ¾l. Mrs S Williams. Tote: win £1.90.

4.50 (2m hdle) 1, First Stage (D Byrne, 4-11 fav), 2, Our Billy Boy (66-1); 3, Just A Wonder (9-2). 4 ran. 4l, 4l. J O'Shea. Tote: £1.40. DF: £9.30. CSF: £9.50.

Placepot: £279.70.

Southwell

Going: good

1.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Mubaaris (R Guest, 13-2), 2, Hiram B Birdbath (9-4 fav); 3, Saskia's Reprieve (5-2). 7 ran. 2½l, 2½l. B Richmond. Tote: £6.00; £2.70, £1.60. DF: £5.80. CSF: £20.29.

2.05 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Blue Disc (D Tegg, 9-1); 2, Hill Beagle (9-4 fav); 3, Ha'penny Nap (16-1). 12 ran. 30l, 6l. D Haydn Jones. Tote: £8.60; £2.70, £1.50, £3.20. DF: £13.40. CSF: £29.22. Tricast: £289.21.

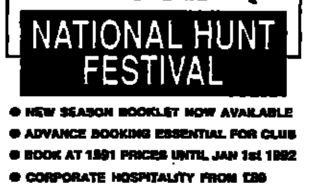
2.35 (2m hdle) 1, Dr Bulasco (P Verling, 13-8 fav); 2, Grey Area (12-1); 3, Citrus King (13-2). 11 ran. 5l, 12l. D Murray Smith. Tote: £2.70; £1.10, £3.30, £1.50 DF: £38.40. CSF: £21.85. NR: Vite Vite.

3.05 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Geostar (J Kavanagh, 8-11 fav); 2, Should Never Be (7-2); 3, Another Comar (13-2). 4 ran. Dist, 30l. J Leigh. Tote: £1.50. DF: £2.80. CSF: £2.80. NR: Simple Pleasure.

3.35 (2m ch) 1, Maple Dancer (J Osborne, 13-8 fav); 2, Highfield Prince (4-1); 3, Heir Of Excitement (5-1). 7 ran. 10l, 3½l. O Sherwood. Tote: £2.80; £1 70, £2.80. DF: £6.70. CSF: £8.44. NR: Couture Tights.

4.05 (3m 100yd ch) 1, Le Grand Maitre (R Dunwoody, 2-1 jt-fav); 2, Shepherd's Hymn (2-1 jt-fav); 3, Acertainhill (9-2). 8 ran. 2l, 10l. G Roe. Tote: £2.30, £1.20, £1.10, £2.00. DF: £3.00. CSF: £6.60. Tricast: £14.46.

Placepot: £18.00.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No way of escape as the serious stuff starts

With the Rugby World Cup starting a week today, **Rob Andrew**, the England stand-off half, describes how the team has been preparing for its opening match against New Zealand

Today, the England rugby union squad steps into the final phase of the countdown to the World Cup. We meet at our hotel outside Basingstoke and start what can only be described as the "tour" of our own country. We cannot wait to get the show on the road.

The usual routine for an international match would be to meet two days beforehand and plunge into training. Under the World Cup regulations, we stay together and remain on tour — hopefully — for more than five weeks.

There will be no popping off to the office to sort out a few problems or nipping home to dig the garden or prune the roses. We stick together; there is no escape. This is serious stuff. We'll soon find out if all that preparation, dedication and personal sacrifice is going to pay off.

It's a marketing man's dream: England v New Zealand at Twickenham to open the World Cup. It has the ring of a final about it, but I find it strange that a big competition is being launched on a Thursday.

I suspect both teams would have come up with a few different suggestions as to whom they would have prefered to kick off against. I hear the All Blacks see us as a pretty formidable obstacle and we respect them as world champions. They deserved to finish top last time, but they are there to be shot at and we are banking on having the right ammunition in the locker.

Since the cup draw 18 months ago, we have won the grand slam, toured Australia and Fiji in the summer, and played the Soviet Union, Gloucester and England Students in the past few weeks.

It was all useful experience, but most of us wish we were going to be a little more match-hardened when we step into the fray. No team preparation for such a challenge can ever be perfect; however, we have progressed in the limited time available since the beginning of the month.

Our biggest problem — and it applies to all the northern hemisphere countries — is the timing of the event. A month later and we would have had a series of testing matches at club and representative level under our belts, and that would have given us an extra sharpness. Still, with three cup games in the first eight days, we should soon sharpen up.

We recognise that our limited style of the five nations' championship is not going to be successful in the cup. The amount of possession we won in the five nations, the control, and the dominance we had in the forwards is unlikely to be repeated against the New Zealanders and the Australians. They are very big, strong and athletic players.

We know our forwards are not going to batter some sides into submission. That's why, in our warm-up games, we have tried to be a little more expansive than last season and experimented with different manoeuvres.

It attracted criticism — the playing of Dean Richards on the flank against Gloucester at Kingsholm might have seemed slightly off-beat — but it is, after all, what those kinds of games were designed for. We gained from the unusual things we did.

I think most spectators realised we were switching our wings during the games. What might not have been appreciated was that I was reserve scrum half when we played Gloucester. I am just glad nothing happened to Richard Hill. With all the trouble going on in the front rows and the collapsing scrums, I was happy to sit it out on the bench.

I had occasionally played scrum half at Cambridge and in sevens, so I was asked to step in because Dewi Morris was unavailable. The thinking behind it was that if one of our two scrum halves had to miss a match with injury, someone was needed as cover in case the fit one got hurt during a game.

One of the things we have discovered in our build-up is that we have flexibility. We learned some painful lessons in the 40-15 defeat by Australia and it opened our eyes to productive moves by our back-row forwards.

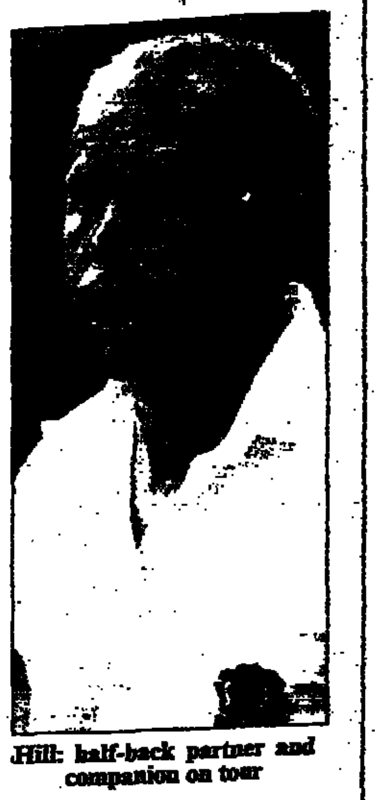
It would have been better if the Soviet Union had been a bit stronger when we beat them at Twickenham, but again we were able to put into practice some new moves. Gloucester was probably our best work-out. It gave the pack the kind of tough test they were looking for.

When it came to the England Students last Saturday, the idea was not to grind their pack into the ground but to try attacking options. Some of the new moves we will try to reproduce in training and use to our advantage in the World Cup.

I usually share a hotel room with my half-back partner, Richard Hill. This has worked well in the past because our temperaments don't clash — and neither of us snores! It has also enabled us to discuss tactics.

As in the last World Cup, we will be taking a break in the middle of the competition. We are off to Jersey for three days following the last pool game, against the United States. It won't provide us with the exotic location we enjoyed on Hamilton Island in the Barrier Reef in 1987, but it will enable us to get away from it all for a while in pleasant surroundings.

We will be doing our fine-tuning for the cup at Basingstoke rugby club, in the grounds of our hotel or possibly the Stoop Memorial ground, just up the M3. There will also be the big reception dinner for all the World Cup teams at Lancaster Gate and a number of visits to rugby clubs. Like all the international squads, we have a number of engagements and will be doing our bit to promote the game before we get down to the serious business. The time has come to test ourselves against the best.



Hill: half-back partner and companion on tour

GOLF

Architect is confident his baby has real teeth

From MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT
AT KIAWAH ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA

IT IS a three-mile stretch of windswept coastal dunes, adjacent to the mighty Atlantic, and the air is salty fresh. Palmettoes, pines and wind-gnarled oaks invade the skyline across which snowy egrets glide. Out to sea, shrimp boats, which look like giant pagodas, ply their trade; on land, basking alligators lie in wait for unsuspecting deer, and herons stare endlessly into the lagoons.

This is the home of the Ocean Course and, beginning tomorrow, the site of the Ryder Cup match between the United States and Europe.

The course has been tailored by the architect, Pete Dye, to examine golfers of the 21st century. It has no history, unlike the Charleston Country Club, 23 miles from here, where in 1786 the Royal and Ancient game was first played in the United States. Instead, the Ocean Course must make history. Dye, aged 62, is convinced that in time it will achieve that; the Ryder Cup is only the first chapter.

"It's the finest piece of ground in America I've ever had to work with," Dye said. "Certainly no one has ever had a piece of property like this. The golf course has 18 holes with the same perspective; the ocean on one side, the marsh on the other. When you're playing ten of the holes, you look to the east and the next thing you see is Madrid."

An exaggeration, yes, but Dye can be forgiven, for he believes this to be his best work — and he has built more than a hundred courses, including Harbour Town on Hilton Head Island, PGA West in Palm Springs, Crooked Stick, home of the 1991 United States PGA Championship, in Indiana, and Casa de Campo in the Dominican Republic.

His work has earned him the nickname of the Marquis de Sod which, perhaps, is a touch romantic. He prefers Pete Dyabolical. Dye's intention is to examine the golfer, not appease him. "I wanted to build a golf course here that would jump out and bite them all," he said. "I want the pros to be yelling and screaming at me."

The Ocean Course is not a links, despite the salt air. There is no other course in the United States with which to compare it. There is a little bit of Prestwick in there, somewhere, a splash of Portrush, maybe, and a slice of Royal Birkdale, perhaps, but nothing more. There are no conventional bunkers, just waste areas where the club can be grounded. In short, the Ocean Course is unique.

Dave Stockton, the US captain, said: "It looks like God designed it because it just flows. Ten years from now, it is going to look as if it has been here for 50 years."

The course is Dye's baby, even if he wants the golfers to think of it as a monster. He moved his home here, with his wife, Alice, so that they could live on site. Dye wanted to feel the swirling moods of the wind and learn all the secrets of the 10,000-acre barrier island, as if he had lived here all his life.

His commitment to the game is astonishing, and it has been that way since he walked out on a lucrative insurance business and built his first course for a farmer south of Indianapolis.

"I did it on a whim but I did not in my wildest dreams think of building courses for a living," he said. "Now I'm just an overpaid shovel-and-rake man. I've always had a love for the turf."

The coming of the Ryder Cup has denied the Ocean Course its adolescence. The infant must, as Dye demands, mature into a monster this weekend. Then the world can judge for itself.

Scotland establish a controlling position

From PATRICIA DAVIES IN ROSSES POINT, CO SLIGO

SCOTLAND established themselves in the Ayrton Senna position with a comprehensive victory over England in the home internationals here yesterday. The Scots, who last won the title in 1986, moved into pole when Ireland, the defending champions, were held to a draw by Wales.

In fact, the Welsh, who have yet to win the Raymond Trophy in 49 attempts, might well have won, even though it took a birdie three at the last from Gary Houston to halve his game with Jody Fanagan and to tie the overall match.

Five of the ten singles went to the 18th and Houston's half point was Wales's only reward from that handful. Also, in what could be seen as a collapse, Mike Macara and Andrew Barnett, hugely experienced, lost the last three holes, and the match, to Raymond Burns and Richard Coughlan, making their senior debuts for Ireland.

Scotland, who only lost one of the morning foursomes to England — two were halved — found the auld enemy no bother in the afternoon, winning the top four singles, to make an English comeback an impossibility.

Pride of place must go to Wilson Bryson, from Drumpellier, who made Peter McEvoy's return to international duty thoroughly unpleasant by winning three and one after being two down at the turn.

Today, Scotland play Wales and Ireland play England.

RESULTS: Ireland 7½, Wales 7½ (Irish names first): Foursomes: G McGimpsey and P Harrington lost to C Rees and C Evans, 1 hole; G McNeill and N Goulding bt C O'Carroll and S Pardoe, 2 and 1; R Burns and R Coughlan bt M Macara and A Barnett, 1 hole; L MacNamara and R Hutton lost to S Jones and R Dinsdale, 3 and 2; T Corridan and D O'Sullivan bt G Houston and S Wilkinson, 3 and 2. Singles: McNeill bt Pardoe, 1 hole; McGimpsey lost to Rees, 2 and 1; Harrington bt Jones, 1 hole; Goulding lost to O'Carroll, 4 and 3; Burns lost to Evans, 4 and 3; Coughlan bt Barnett, 1 hole; MacNamara lost to Wilkinson, 2 and 1; Hutton lost to Macara, 2 and 1; Corridan bt M Calvert, 2 holes; J Fanagan halved with Houston. England 5½, Scotland 9½ (English names first): Foursomes: R Hutt and M Pullan halved with J Milligan and D Robertson; G Wolstenholme and G Winter bt G Hay and A Thomson, 2 and 1; C Edwards and A Rogers lost to G Lowson and D Crawford, 2 and 1; P McEvoy and M Stanford lost to W Bryson and C Watson, 2 and 1; I Garbutt and N Ludwell halved with G Lawrie and S Knowles. Singles: Pullan lost to Lowson, 3 and 2; Wolstenholme lost to Milligan, 3 and 2; Hutt lost to Hay, 4 and 3; McEvoy lost to Bryson, 3 and 1; Garbutt halved with Watson; C Watts bt Crawford, 3 and 2; Winter lost to D Paton, 1 hole; Rogers lost to Lawrie, 2 and 1; Edwards bt Robertson, 1 hole; Stanford bt Thomson, 1 hole.

MARTIN BEDALL

Winning combination: Farr-Jones, left, with his half-back partner, Lynagh, and a team mascot yesterday

Wallabies fire propaganda shots

By DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

RUGBY WORLD CUP

NEW Zealand arrive in London today as defenders of the Webb Ellis Trophy, but yesterday the Australians were firing the first shots in a propaganda war that will echo the louder as the opening day of the 1991 World Cup draws nearer. "They don't seem to have that aura of invincibility any more when you stand up to them," Nick Farr-Jones, the Australian captain, said.

Farr-Jones, senior partner with Michael Lynagh in a half-back pairing which Bob Dwyer, the Wallabies coach, believes to be the best in the world, was speaking in Richmond at the first of many press conferences his team will be asked to hold over the next month. The Australian management, having already agreed that New Zealand deserved to be labelled favourites, then proceeded to underscore their doubts about the men in black.

"The first match will be very interesting," Farr-Jones said of the tournament's opening game between England and New Zealand at Twickenham on October 3. "I would not be surprised were we to meet England in the Dublin semi-final because I think they have an excellent chance against New Zealand.

"I used to think New Zealand were fairly good at intimidating their opposition. I'm certainly not writing them off, but in 1988 they were just about unbeatable. Our wins last year in Wellington and this year in Sydney proved they can be beaten and at the back of their minds I think they know it.

"I have never seen a New Zealand team quite so ecstatic at winning as they were in Auckland last month [when the All Blacks won 6-3] because they were under tremendous pressure."

Farr-Jones, who is likely to retire from international rugby after the World Cup — particularly now that there will be no tour by South Africa to his country next summer — also emphasised his own team's resolve. "We are definitely here to win. On our day we can beat anyone, but every now and again we have a hiccup. We have to make sure we don't have those bad performances, we must try and achieve consistency."

Victory in the World Cup for Australia (whose first match is against Argentina in Llanelli tomorrow week) would have a "tremendous impact back home", Farr-Jones added. It might also help counter the allure of rugby league, whose clubs have cast envious glances at Tim Horan and Jason Little, the centres, and Phil Kearns (hooker) and Willie Ofahengaue, the flanker who may play No. 8 in the absence of the injured Tim Gavin.

The majority of the competing teams from overseas flew into Britain yesterday — the Western Samoans arrive with New Zealand today as do Argentina — and will assemble in one great jamboree in a London hotel on Saturday night for the World Cup welcome dinner, before dispersing to the countries where they play their pool games.

Of the host countries, Ireland met in Dublin hoping that three injured players, Staples (neck), Geoghegan (ankle) and O'Hara (hamstring) would be fit to train. England's squad assembles in Richmond today before travelling to their headquarters at Rotherwick in Hampshire.

US make low-key cup entry

By PETER BILLS

THE multi-million pound media coverage of the 1991 World Cup will all but bypass one of the largest countries on earth. The United States is largely oblivious of the rugby World Cup, save for a few tiny pockets of interest around rugby strongholds.

The different reception afforded the American team, which flew into Gatwick Airport yesterday morning and the Australian Wallabies who arrived in the same hall just an hour later, was startling. A police escort had been arranged for the Australians' arrival; camera lights flickered on and autograph hunters descended. By contrast, the Americans cleared the arrivals hall virtually unseen. It is a familiar scenario for the rugby-playing select group which even has trouble financing practice sessions together. And as the Wallaby baggage was checked through festooned in stickers advertising well-known beer, the US kit simply had name tags.

The American wing three-quarter, Gary Hein, an Oxford University blue for the past two years, smiled enigmatically at the contrast. "We're used to it, frankly. Our problem is just insufficient TV exposure and the difficulty in competing for sponsorship with major US sports like American football and baseball. If the competition is on TV at all back home, which I am not even sure it is, then it would only be on a local cable network in a few centres . . . no nationwide broadcasts or anything like that.

"Before we left, anyone we bumped into seemed mystified. 'What's the Rugby World Cup?' they asked us. It's an uphill battle for exposure."

Nevertheless, Hein remains optimistic for rugby's future in the States, even though he concedes it will require a lot of work from a great many people at different levels before the game can say it has cracked the US sports market. The Americans could not have a tougher group, being paired with England, New Zealand and Italy. But Hein reported a buoyant mood in their camp.

Desegregation delays end SA tour plans

WELLINGTON (Reuter) — New Zealand and Australia have abandoned plans to play South Africa next summer, saying moves to desegregate rugby there were taking longer than expected.

The move could result in England being the first country to host a tour by the Springboks, probably next autumn, with a likely schedule of six games, culminating in one international match at Twickenham. However, Australia, who are scheduled to visit Wales and Ireland next autumn, are still optimistic that they may play in South Africa on the way to Britain.

Eddie Tonks, the chairman of the New Zealand Rugby Football Union, said his union and the Australian RFU had turned down an All Blacks tour of South Africa in 1992 and a Springboks tour of Australia the same year. Amalgamation of the black and white rugby bodies in South Africa had taken longer than expected. He said neither country wanted to hinder unification.

"Both New Zealand and Australia have mutually agreed to withdraw from the South African proposals for 1992," he said.

South African sports authorities were divided over the cancellation. Dr Danie Craven, the South African Rugby Board president, called the decision "most unfair" because it was taken without consulting his mainly-white organisation. But Joe Ebrahim, president of the radical South African Sports Congress (Sacos) said it was a proper response to the situation in the republic.

London able to call on six capped players

DESPITE the intervention of the World Cup, which has removed the country's leading players from the divisional championship next month, London are able to field six internationals for the first defence of their title against the South and South-West at Imber Court on October 5.

Fran Clough, who played in the 1987 World Cup, leads a side including Harriman, Buckton and Bates in the backs and Mullins and Ryan in the forwards, all of them capped by England. Much interest will be focused on Paul Challinor, the young Harlequins stand-off, who enjoyed a good tour in Australia with London in May.

TEAM: A Buzza (Wasps); A Harriman (Harlequins), F Clough (Wasps, captain), J Buckton (Saracens), D Hopley (Wasps); P Challinor (Harlequins), S Bates (Wasps); G Holmes (Wasps), A Barnett (Rosslyn Park), A Mullins (Harlequins), R Kinsey (Wasps), C Langhorn (Harlequins), M Russell (Harlequins), M Rigby (Wasps), D Ryan (Wasps). Replacements: S Pilgrim (Wasps), R Glenister (Harlequins), A Roda (Saracens), N Killick (Harlequins), A Copsey (Llanelli), A Cassell (Saracens).

☐ The Romanian international, Cristian Raducanu, will make make his debut for Sale on Saturday after his move from Headingley. The 6ft 6in lock will partner the England B player, Dave Baldwin, in the second row at Northampton. Also making his first appearance for Sale will be the former Natal stand-off half, Matthew Alexander.

☐ Bradford Salem will begin the defence of the Provincial Insurance Cup at home to Dinnington in the second round on October 5.

Bicester, the runners-up last season, travel to Bridport, and Ashfield Swans, who won their opening game 98-3, are at home to Rolls-Royce.

Holiday camp meet crosses political divide

By ALIX RAMSAY

A BUTLIN'S camp in Minehead seems an unlikely setting for an international meeting of sporting minds but this week delegates from 31 countries are exchanging ideas at the fifth international Sport for All festival.

In this, the Sports Council's Year of Sport, the fact the festival is taking place at all is something of a wonder. Organised by the Central Council for Physical Recreation (CCPR), it lost its funding four months ago. Appeals to the Sports Council for the £20,000 needed to run the event proved fruitless and the CCPR had to turn to 25 individual sponsors to provide everything from socks and beer to accommodation.

The last-minute co-operation between the parties and sponsors involved in making the festival work sums up the basic idea behind the Sport for All movement, that sport can break down barriers, be they racial, political, national or, in the CCPR's case, financial.

The festival has made for some strange bedfellows. Israel is represented alongside the Lebanon while Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania are all in Minehead under their own flags together with a representative group from the Soviet Union. And they have all come together to find a way of encouraging sport at grass-roots level and to get young people involved for the enjoyment of sport rather than the creation of champions.

For those countries formerly under the Soviet system, Sport for All comes as a revelation. The idea of recreational sport is not something the Estonians have come across before. Under Soviet rule, sport was an elite profession. Now that Estonia has independence they want to develop a programme to provide sports facilities for the general public once they can find the finance. Meanwhile, the representatives of the Soviet Union disappeared into the countryside to investigate the concept of the leisure centre.

Marea Hartman, the honorary treasurer of the CCPR and chairman of the Amateur Athletic Association, believes that participation in sport is the answer to many of society's problems.

Looking around at the 3,000 schoolchildren brought to see the festival and the demonstration of everything from short tennis and mini-rugby to paddle ball and tug-of-war, she said: "If you could get young people involved in sport, get them involved as part of a disciplined team, then they won't get involved in the bad things in life. We must look after them from the age of nine and ten and show them that they can kick a football and not a policeman."

As for the political barriers they were nowhere to be seen in Minehead. Dalia Klishevsky, the general secretary of the Histadrut, the general federation of labour in Israel, is one of life's rarities — a woman involved in politics who wants to keep politics out of sport.

"We're all friends here," she said. "Sport is above everything and I'm very happy to see the Lebanon people here. All countries need to be friends together, we are all human beings, we all look for peace and politics has destroyed us being together."

Sport for All as a movement has a great following in Israel in the workplace, the schools, the universities and through the Israel Sport for All Association. But should Klishevsky and her colleagues try to help the Lebanon in following Israel's example — and they are more than willing — she is prevented from doing so by the authorities. "If it were possible to go there we would, it would be no problem for us. Even to write to them we must go through a third party.

"I myself try to teach the politicians that we all have only one aim — peace all over the world. You don't need any more than that."

EQUESTRIANISM

Blenheim trials set record for entries

By JENNY MACARTHUR

IAN Stark, who replaced Virginia Leng as the European three-day event champion earlier this month, heads a formidable entry for the Blenheim Audi International Horse Trials, which start today in the grounds of Blenheim Palace.

The trials, first held last year, have been quick to make their mark. This year's entry of 113, which includes Blyth Tait, the New Zealand world champion, and Karen Straker, the European bronze medal winner, is a record for a three-day event. Because of the numbers, Mike Etherington-Smith, the director and course designer, ran some of the dressage tests yesterday.

Stark, who does his dressage tomorrow, is riding Kinsman. The ten-year-old gelding was seventh at Lumühlen, in Germany, this year and runner-up at the Scottish championships at Thirlestane. Straker has two entries, her Weston Park winner, Park Keeper, and the less experienced Stepney Bartholomew.

Several proven Badminton partnerships are taking a step down to Blenheim's two-star level. Prominent among these are Lorna Clarke and King's Jester, who had to be withdrawn from the European championships because of a recurrence of corns.

Two other Badminton horses competing are Jemima Johnson's Timber Rua and Nicola May's MacDuff. Other leading British riders competing include Rodney Powell, the winner of Badminton, Pippa Nolan, who was third at Burghley earlier this month, and Lucinda Murray, the winner last year.

RESULTS: Dressage (yesterday). 1, Heron's Flight (P Nolan), 50.4; 2, Stepney Bartholomew (K Straker), 52; 3, Arctic Goose (L Murray), 54.2.

ATHLETICS

Moses trains for Barcelona

BERGEN — Edwin Moses, the world 400 metres hurdles record-holder, yesterday announced he was coming out of retirement in an attempt to win the 1992 Olympic title, 16 years after his first gold medal in Montreal (John Goodbody writes).

Nobody in Olympic track athletics has won titles over such a span of years, but Moses, aged 36, said: "I want to give it my best shot. The standard is about the same as when I retired in 1988, but I had to get away then because I had been racing every year for 12 years."

FIXTURES

CRICKET

10.30, fourth day

CHELMSFORD: Essex v Victoria.

FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Charlton v QPR (at Welling FC, 7.00).

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.00): First division: Bolton v Liverpool; Everton v Nottingham Forest; Manchester Utd v Sheffield Utd, West Bromwich v Newcastle. Second division: Derby v Huddersfield; Hull v Grimsby.

RUGBY LEAGUE

GREENALLS LANCASHIRE CUP: Quarter-finals: Rochdale v Salford (7.30); St Helens v Oldham (7.15); Wigan v Leigh (7.15); Workington v Carlisle (7.15).

OTHER SPORT

CYCLING: Nissan Irish Classic.

EQUESTRIANISM: Blenheim three-day event (Blenheim Palace).

GOLF: Men's home internationals (Co Sligo); English women's open (The Tytherington, Macclesfield).

SNOOKER: Strachan professional qualifying (Stoke).

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Sheffield Wednesday still on course

Orient fail to take their chances and may pay the price

By Louise Taylor

LEYTON Orient may have struck the Sheffield Wednesday crossbar three times on Tuesday but they failed to score the goal that could have helped dislodge the Rumbelows Cup holders in a second-round first-leg tie at Brisbane Road.

Although the return at Hillsborough a fortnight hence will be far from a formality, Peter Eustace, the Orient team manager, who spent 18 years with Wednesday, said: "As a third division side starting at 0-0, I don't think we have got a chance. Quality always wins in the end, especially over two games."

Ricky Otto and Chris Bart-Williams, aged 17, both of Orient, impressed the assembled collection of scouts that witnessed Wednesday's escape.

Newcastle United secured only their second victory in 16 games at Crewe Alexandra, of the fourth division. They found themselves 3-0 down after 25 minutes but three goals from Gavin Peacock and one from Andy Hunt eventually provided Ossie Ardiles's side with a 4-3 win, which was a bit harsh on Crewe after they had hit the bar three times.

Leeds United may be unbeaten in the first division this season and stand in second place but they discovered that Scunthorpe United, of the fourth division, are no respecters of reputation. Leeds were fortunate to leave Glanford Park with the score goalless while Gordon Strachan, their inspirational midfield player, left with a hamstring strain that could keep him out for the next fortnight.

Third division overcame first at Selhurst Park where Wimbledon slipped to their fourth successive defeat in losing 2-1 to Peterborough United. The return at London Road in a fortnight should attract a larger attendance than that at Selhurst Park — the crowd of 2,081 was the lowest recorded by a first division side playing at home in the League Cup.

Ray Harford kept his players locked in the dressing-room for an hour but Chris Turner, the Peterborough manager, expressed sympathy for his Wimbledon counterpart. "I do feel for them," he said. "It must be hard playing at Old Trafford one week, and then having to come back here, but we have still got it all to do at our place."

Wolverhampton Wanderers swept aside Shrewsbury Town 6-1 at Molineux, with Steve Bull and Paul Birch each scoring twice, while there was little to choose between first and third division at Valley Parade as Bradford City held West Ham United to a 1-1 draw. Port Vale, of the second division, showed no signs of an inferiority complex at home to Notts County, from the first, and won 2-1.

Losing finalists two years ago, Oldham Athletic emerged 7-1 winners against Torquay United at Boundary Park. Andy Ritchie scored four times on his first full appearance of the season, after recovering from a calf injury, while Graeme Sharp claimed his first goal since a £500,000 close-season move from Everton.

At Goodison Park, Peter Beardsley struck his seventh goal in five games as Everton established a slender 1-0 first-leg lead against Watford. Third division enjoyed a comprehensive victory against second at Griffin Park, where Brentford beat Brighton 4-1. Neil Smillie, once of Brighton, created three of the home goals.

After accusing his Sheffield United players of being "thick" in the wake of the 5-2 defeat at Arsenal last Saturday, Dave Bassett, their manager, praised them for showing a bit more "vim and vigour" at Wigan Athletic. United got off to a sticky start, though, and only departed with a 2-2 draw thanks to two goals from Brian Deane.

The days when Roker Park was regarded as a fortress are long gone and Sunderland slumped to yet another home defeat — 2-1 against Huddersfield Town, of the third division.

An 89th-minute winner earned Blackpool, the fourth division leaders, a 1-0 win at home to Barnsley, who are struggling in the second. Middlesbrough, the second division leaders, were surprisingly held 1-1 by Bournemouth, from the third division, at Ayresome Park.

Vogts dismisses Yorath's low criticism out of hand

THE German manager, Berti Vogts, yesterday dismissed criticism from the Welsh manager, Terry Yorath, as the phoney war before the crucial European championship qualifier next month hotted up.

Yorath blamed Vogts for a decline in the form of last year's World Cup winners and claimed that the departure of Franz Beckenbauer, the coach, had a damaging effect on the side.

"I can't imagine that the German players see in Berti the same thing they saw in his predecessor, a man of the same level," Yorath told the German magazine, *Sports*.

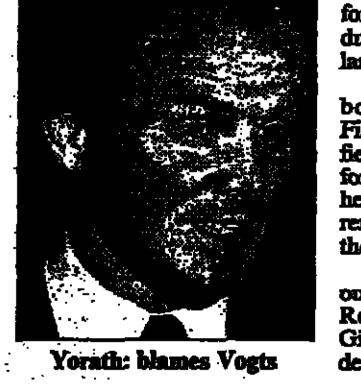
"They have lost a lot because of the change. You can see that from results in the qualifying group."

Vogts, Beckenbauer's assistant during the World Cup triumph in Italy, said: "That is the not the way colleagues should deal with each other."

"He talked at the same low level two years before our World Cup qualifying game in Cologne. Then he believed Beckenbauer was a captain but not a trainer. What more can I say to it all than that?"

Wales top group five with seven points from four games. Germany, with a game in hand, trail by three points.

The Germans must win in Nuremberg to keep alive their chances of reaching next year's finals in Sweden. A point for the Welsh would almost certainly see them through.



Yorath: blames Vogts

☐ Milan (Reuter) —Cagliari's Uruguayan forward, Daniel Fonseca, was given a two-match suspension yesterday for head-butting an opponent during a game against Foggia last weekend.

Italy's football disciplinary body also suspended Fiorentina's Brazilian midfield player, Iomar Mazinho, for one match for dissent after he derisively applauded the referee during an argument in the game with AC Milan.

The commission handed out one-match bans to the AS Roma captain, Giuseppe Giannini, and the Cremonese defender, Luigi Gualco.

RUMBELOWS LEAGUE CUP: Second round, first leg: Blackpool 1, Barnsley 0; Bradford 1, West Ham 1; Brentford 4, Brighton 1; Crewe 3, Newcastle 4; Everton 1, Watford 0; Hull 0, QPR 3; Leyton Orient 0, Sheffield Wed 0; Middlesbrough 1, Bournemouth 1; Oldham 7, Torquay 1; Portsmouth 0, Oxford United 0; Port Vale 2, Notts County 1; Scarborough 1, Southampton 3; Scunthorpe 0, Leeds 0; Sunderland 1, Huddersfield 2; Wigan 2, Sheffield United 2; Wimbledon 1, Peterborough 2; Wolverhampton 6, Shrewsbury 1.

SKOL CUP: Semi-final: Dunfermline 1, Airdrie 1 (aet; Dunfermline won 3-2 on penalties).

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Altrincham 1, Gateshead 1; Farnborough 1, Redbridge Forest 0; Northwich 8, Barrow 1.

FA TROPHY: First-round qualifying replays: Halesowen 1, Rhyl 2; Bedworth 1, Bromsgrove 2; Marine 2, Nuneaton Borough 2; Matlock 3, Worksop 3; Walton and Hersham 2, Erith and Belvedere 1; Abingdon Town 0, Margate 1; Dorchester 3, Trowbridge 2.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Ossett Albion 2, Glasshoughton Wel 0; Pontefract Col 1, Brigg 3.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Great Harwood 3, Darwen 1.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bristol Manor Farm 0, Paulton 5; Liskeard Athletic 5, Exmouth 0.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Preston 2, Mansfield 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Rushden 3, Hinckley 1.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Easington Colliery 0, Billingham Synthonia 1; Gretna 5, Peterlee Newtown 0; Seaham Red Star 1, Whickham 1. Postponed: West Auckland v Consett.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Charlton 0, QPR 0 (Abandoned 30min: floodlight failure).

BOB LORD TROPHY: First round, second leg: Slough 2, Bath 0 (agg 3-2).

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chorley 4, Bangor City 3; Gainsborough 1, Leek 2; Shepshed 0, Goole 1; Stalybridge 1, Southport 0; Whitley Bay 1, Morecambe 1. Postponed: Buxton v Frickley; Marine v Fleetwood; Matlock v Mossley. First division: Colwyn Bay 3, Knowsley 1; Irlam 1, Winsford 4; Warrington 3, Congleton 1. Postponed: Harrogate v Eastwood Town.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromley 2, St Albans 0; Harrow 1, Carshalton 2; Sutton United 0, Enfield 1; Wokingham 3, Grays 1.

TNT GOLD CUP: Quarter-finals: Glentoran 4, Bangor 1 (aet); Linfield 1, Glenavon 1 (aet - Glenavon win 4-1 on penalties); Portadown 0, Cliftonville 1.

CYCLING

Jersey slips Belgian at Kilkenny

ERIC Vanderaerden, the Belgian who was overall winner in 1989, sprinted to victory in the opening stage of the Nissan international classic in Ireland yesterday.

However, the first man to wear the leader's yellow jersey today will be the Dutchman, John Talen, who collected a total of six seconds in bonuses at intermediate hot spot sprints. Talen was only named to the PDM team a week ago to replace Jean-Paul van Poppel, who had been struggling to reach top shape.

Vanderaerden took his total tally of Nissan stage wins to six when, in a repeat of one of his 1989 victories, he sprinted first over the line in Kilkenny at the end of an 82.6-mile leg from Dublin.

Vanderaerden, riding for the Dutch Buckler team, took the flag ahead of the Frenchman, Laurent Jalabert, and Johan Museeuw, of Belgium.

Earlier in the race, Maurizio Fondriest, of Italy, broke away from the pack and built a lead of more than 90 seconds with 20 kilometres remaining, but was caught in the final portion of the race. The Australian, Phil Anderson, led the field out of the last bend but Vanderaerden came through strongly from fourth place.

Paul Slane, a 21-year-old Irish amateur, took an early lead in the King of the Mountains competition.

RESULT: Stage 1 (Dublin to Kilkenny, 82.6 miles): 1, E Vanderaerden (Buckler, Belg) 3hr 33min 12sec; 2, J Museeuw (Lotto, Belg); 3, L Jalabert (Toshiba, Fr); 4, P Anderson (Motorola, Aus); 5, J Talen (PDM, Neth); 6, E De Wilde (Histor-Sigma, Belg), all same time. King of the Mountains classification: 1, P Slane (Ireland Amateurs), 6pts; 2, M Fondriest (Panasonic, It), 4; 3, C Lillywhite (Banana-Falcon, GB), 3. Sprints classification: 1, Talen 10pts; 2, A Van der Poel (Tulip Computers, Neth), 9; 3, Fondriest, 5.

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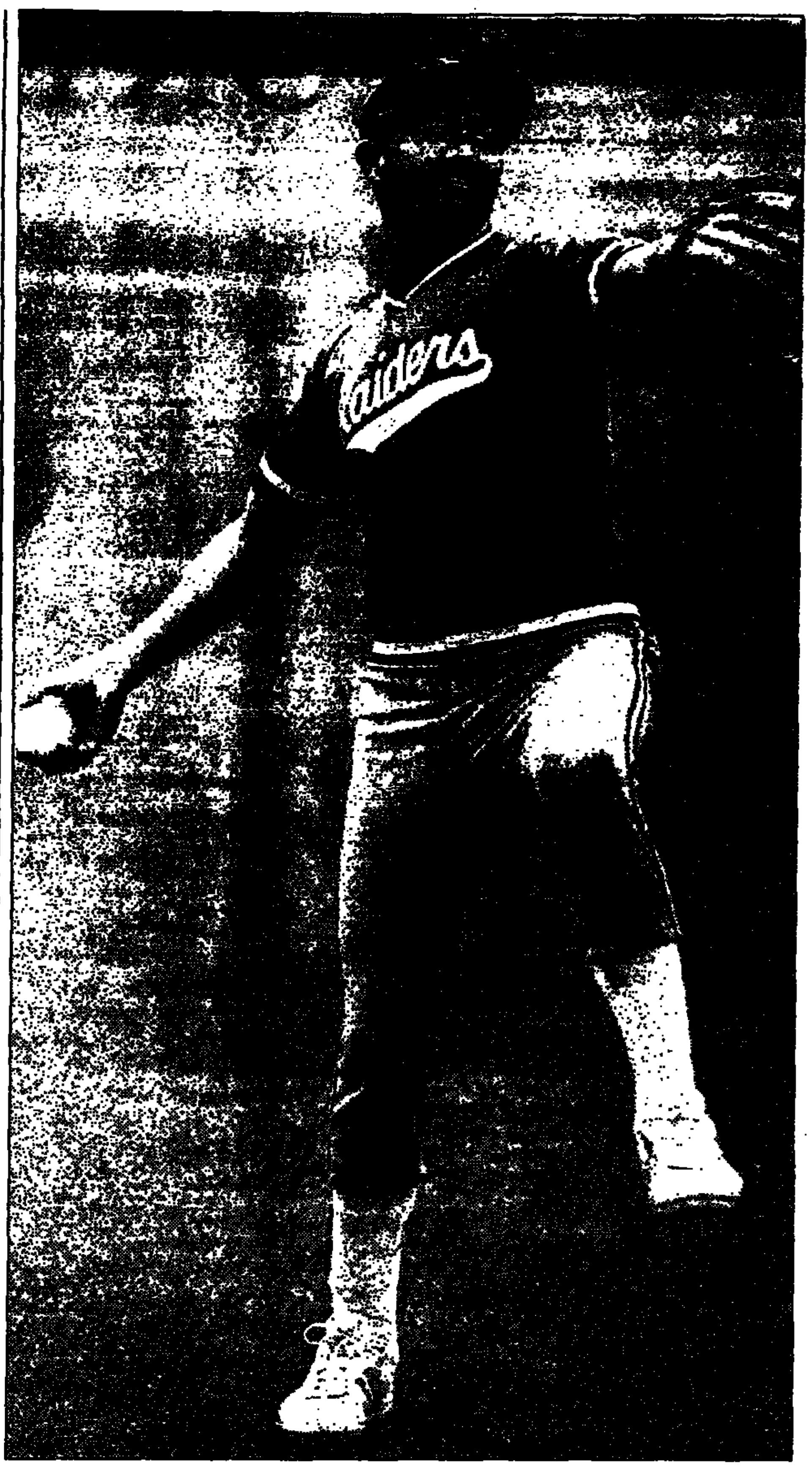
TENNIS

Challenge to Connors

WASHINGTON (AFP) — An American entrepreneur is putting up $1 million for a winner-takes-all match between the former world tennis No. 1, Jimmy Connors, aged 39, and the women's No. 1, Monica Seles, who is 22 years younger.

USA Today said the Californian promoter, David Krieff, had a private investor ready to lay out the money following an agreement for television rights and that negotiations were under way with the players' agents. The match would take place on an extra-large court at Caesars Palace, Las Vegas.



Making his pitch: Graham Gooch swapped his cricket whites for a more American mode of dress as he helped promote the fifth World Corporate Games with a game of softball at Chelmsford yesterday (Louise Taylor writes).

Those who say business and pleasure do not mix will be confounded on September 25 next year, when the Corporate Games open in London. A festival of competitive sport involving everyone from company chairmen to shop-floor workers, from the school-leaver to the fiftysomething of both sexes, and from experts to novices, the games are designed with the "weekend warrior" in mind.

The ten-day event will include 22 sports, which range from softball to football, Dragonboat racing to netball, petanque to volleyball and basketball to golf.

Staged at venues including Crystal Palace, Docklands and Wentworth, the games will be divided into six age categories, and eight championship divisional awards will be presented to successful organisations.

More than 8,000 international participants from the self-employed to cogs in the wheels of multi-national companies will compete in an event which has previously been held in San Francisco, Honolulu, and Lille, France, and which aims to embrace the mutually beneficial aims of sport, business, sponsorship and tourism.

OLYMPIC GAMES

French in pursuit of the y chromosome

PARIS (AFP) — A French laboratory has developed a new sex test that will be used on women competitors at the Winter Olympics in Albertville next February, Games organisers said yesterday.

"The new method will be tested at Albertville and if all goes well it should also be used at the summer Games in Barcelona," Philippe Lebacq, who developed the test, said.

Sex testing on women at international events has always been controversial, with officials in many countries considering it an unfair intrusion of privacy. Despite this opposition, the International Olympic Committee imposed gender tests for Olympic competitors in 1968.

The test previously consisted in taking a scraping from a competitor's mouth and studying its cells under a microscope.

At Albertville, Lebacq's Bioprobe Systems laboratory, also working on a mouth sample, will use molecular biology to study a competitor's genetic makeup.

Men have one x and one y chromosome. Women have two x chromosomes though only one works properly and the other can be detected under a microscope.

The new test concentrates on hunting the y chromosome, which only men have. It is claimed by Lebacq to be 100 per cent accurate. Only women who have never undergone a sex test will be required to have the new test.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Miles signs one-year Wigan deal

By Keith Macklin

GENE Miles, one of the outstanding players of the 1986 Australian tour of Great Britain, and a leading performer with Brisbane Broncos and Queensland at centre or back-row forward, has signed a 12-month contract with Wigan. He is expected play against Featherstone Rovers on Sunday week.

Miles has not been bought as a forward replacement for Ellery Hanley. He will play in his former position of centre. The coach, John Monie, said: "He will be the new Mal Meninga of English rugby league."

Although Miles is aged 30 and has had injury problems, he is a player of power and experience and his authority on the field will fill the personality and leadership gap at Central Park. The deal was clinched by the Wigan chairman, Maurice Lindsay, who, as the Great Britain team manager, is on a fact-finding trip to Australia.

☐ Widnes have put the second-row forward, Les Holliday, on the transfer list at £95,000.

CRICKET

Childs and Such take control as weather relents

By Richard Streeton

CHELMSFORD (third day of four): Victoria, with two first-innings wickets in hand, are 186 runs behind Essex

VICTORIA, the Sheffield Shield winners, were on the verge of following on by the close yesterday when this Britannic Assurance challenge fixture between the national champions of England and Australia finally became a tensely-contested match. After two days of rain and gloom the weather relented and Childs and Such, the Essex spin bowlers, put the county champions in control.

Essex first extended their first innings to 343 for nine before they declared, which meant Victoria needed 194 to avoid the follow-on. On a worn, turning pitch they slumped to 71 for six before Dodemaide and Hughes added 65 runs in 38 overs.

Hughes manfully resisted until the end, but in the final 15 minutes Foster returned and had Dodemaide leg-before, his 99th wicket this season. Berry was then caught at slip against Childs. Today Victoria, with two wickets left, resume needing a further 37 to avoid being asked to bat again.

Early in the Victoria innings Essex lost Pringle for the rest of this game. Pringle fractured his left index finger in two places as he caught Phillips at first slip off Foster and was detained in hospital overnight. An operation left his finger wired and pinned and he will unfit for at least two months.

Fortunately for Essex the conditions were tailor-made for the two slow bowlers, who at one stage virtually bowled together for more than two hours. Childs finished with four for 68 from 36 overs and Such had two for 25 from 17. They kept the seventh-wicket pair almost completely subdued as they fought to redeem the Victorian innings.

Hughes broke free only twice when he straight-drove Childs for sixes. He has always been a useful late-order batsman and has so far held out for two hours 40 minutes. His only alarms came at 27 when Foster dropped him at deep midwicket off Childs and he also had to receive treatment later when he played a ball from Foster into his face.

Childs began to exert his dominance when Ramshaw was second out as he tried to sweep the left-arm spinner. Jones then drove a catch to short extra cover. Victoria went on to lose three wickets in successive overs. Lehmann was brilliantly caught at silly point, Parker was bowled first ball as he pushed forward and O'Donnell turned a catch to backward short-leg.

First thing, Foster and Pringle both hit forcefully as Essex added 95 in 21 overs. Jackson, the left-arm spinner, had figures of 6-3-39-1 in this period. Pringle finished with a six and nine fours.

ESSEX: First Innings

*G A Gooch c Berry b Fleming	31
J P Stephenson b Dodemaide	54
P J Prichard lbw b O'Donnell	2
N Hussain c and b Dodemaide	5
N V Knight run out	53
J J B Lewis b Jackson	25
†M A Garnham lbw b Fleming	33
D R Pringle lbw b Hughes	68
N A Foster st Berry b Jackson	37
J H Childs not out	8
Extras (b 10, lb 9, w 4, nb 4)	27
Total (9 wkts dec)	343

P M Such did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-61, 2-80, 3-86, 4-103, 5-159, 6-208 7-217, 8-277, 9-343.

BOWLING: Hughes 30.3-7-85-1; Fleming 25-5-86-2; O'Donnell 13-6-47-1; Dodemaide 24-6-54-2; Jackson 18-11-50-2.

VICTORIA: First Innings

D J Ramshaw lbw b Childs	11
W N Phillips c Pringle b Foster	2
D M Jones c Gooch b Childs	25
D S Lehmann c Hussain b Such	15
*S P O'Donnell c Prichard b Such	12
G R Parker b Childs	0
A I C Dodemaide lbw b Foster	21
M G Hughes not out	54
†D S Berry c Prichard b Childs	1
D W Fleming not out	8
Extras (b 8)	8
Total (8 wkts)	157

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-39, 3-48, 4-70, 5-71, 6-71, 7-136, 8-137.

P W Jackson to bat.

Umpires: R Julian and K E Palmer.

Australians end with comfortable victory

HARARE (Reuter) — The leg spinner, Shane Warne, completed the best bowling performance of his career to help Australia B to a nine-wicket victory over Zimbabwe in the final four-day match match of their tour yesterday. He took the wicket of Adam Huckle to add to the six he captured the previous day, finishing with seven for 49.

Zimbabwe, 144 behind on first innings, subsided from their overnight 151 for seven to 179 all out, leaving Australia B no more than 36 to win.

ZIMBABWE: First Innings 239 (D L Houghton 105 not out; D J Hickey 5 for 72, P E McIntyre 4 for 24)

Second Innings

K J Arnott b Warne	47
G Flower lbw b Warne	27
A Campbell c Moody b Warne	7
†A Flower b Warne	6
*D L Houghton not out	57
N Hough c Moody b Warne	5
E A Brandes c Moody b Bevan	4
M Burmeister c Taylor b Warne	5
A J Traicos run out	6
A Huckle lbw b Warne	0
M P Jarvis c Neilson b Reiffel	0
Extras (lb 3, nb 12)	15
Total	179

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-69, 2-83, 3-98, 4-99, 5-105, 6-117, 7-144, 8-163 9-174.

BOWLING: Reiffel 15.5-3-36-1 (nb7); Waugh 7-2-10-0; McIntyre 22-6-54-0; Warne 36-10-49-7 (nb5), Bevan 9-1-27-1.

AUSTRALIA B: First Innings 383 (S G Law 94, T M Moody 85, R J Tucker 62; E A Brandes 6 for 95)

Second Innings

S G Law lbw b Brandes	13
S Warne not out	18
R J Tucker not out	1
Extras (lb 4)	4
Total (1 wkt)	36

FALL OF WICKET: 1-30.

BOWLING: Brandes 2-0-22-1; Jarvis 1.3-0-10-0.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Iraqis at Games

IRAQ will take part in only two events at the 1992 Barcelona Olympic Games, shooting and weightlifting.

The country's strongest sport is football, but its team missed the preliminary qualification rounds for Barcelona because of bans relating to its war with Iran and the invasion of Kuwait.

BOXING: The British Boxing Awards ceremony has been postponed because of the injury to Michael Watson.

☐ The World Boxing Council has agreed to allow Andrei Rudenko, from Ukraine, to become the first Soviet to contest a professional world title, against Anaclet Wampa, their cruiserweight champion.

MOTOR RACING: Francois Delecour, the French rally driver, has joined Lancia. He replaces Massimo Biasion, who has joined Ford.

ATHLETICS: David Bedford has been appointed consultant to the ADT London Marathon board of directors.

REAL TENNIS: Charlotte Cornwallis and Alison Cockcroft, of Britain, reached the second round of the women's world championship in Australia without losing a game.

TENNIS: Eddie Seaward has been appointed head groundsman at the All England Club, Wimbledon.

SNOOKER: Gary Wilkinson, the world No. 5, earned his first world ranking point of the season with a 5-4 fourth-round victory over Stephen Murphy, of Dublin, in the Strachan Open in Stoke yesterday.

TABLE TENNIS: Lisa Lomas scored three wins as the England women began the European league season with a 4-1 victory over France in Caen.

SQUASH RACKETS: Hashim Khan, aged 75, who won the British Open for six consecutive years, will play Yusef Khan, aged 60, at the Bath and Racquets Club, London, today.

YACHTING

Lennox placed by ballot

ROB Lennox won a place in next month's RYA national match-racing championship by the unusual means of a ballot yesterday after a lack of wind forced the cancellation of the second day of qualifying trials at Queen Mary reservoir, Datchet (Barry Pickthall writes).

Lennox, from Barnt Green sailing club, joins Dr Tim Spalding, from the Royal Navy, John Ellis, representing the Castaways sailing club, and Barry Parkin, from Datchet Water sailing club, who won their qualifying round on Tuesday. Because of the lack of racing yesterday, the qualifying rounds will run through to Monday.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Ipswich 4, Swindon 2.

GERMAN CUP: Reutlingen 2, Bayer Leverkusen 3 (aet); Borussia Mönchengladbach 2, Cologne 0; Hanover 1, Bayer Ürdingen 0; Werder Bremen 4, Dynamo Dresden 1.

OLYMPIC QUALIFIER: Soviet Union 2, Hungary 0 (in Moscow).

MOTOR RALLYING

PERTH: Australian rally: Final positions: 1, J Kankkunen (Fin), Lancia Delta, 5hr 48min 48sec; 2, K Eriksson (Swe), Mitsubishi Galant, 5:50:01; 3, A Schwarz (Ger), Toyota Celica, 5:54.42; 4, M Alen (Fin), Subaru Legacy, 5:58:16; 5, T Salonen (Fin), Mitsubishi Galant, 5:59:54; 6, R Millen (NZ), Mazda 323, 6:04:37. World championship standings: 1, C Sainz (Sp), 125pts; 2, Kankkunen, 123; 3, D Auriol (Fr), 81; 4, M Biasion (It), 54; 5, Eriksson, 51.

REAL TENNIS

HOBART, Tasmania: Women's world championship: First round (Australia unless stated): A Reed bt S Newsom (GB), 6-2, 6-0; J Lippincott (US) bt G Sherwell, 6-3, 6-2; B Baker bt S Bicheno, 6-0, 6-1; J Guest bt J Weiss (GB), 6-0, 6-0; S Reilly (US) bt S MacIntyre, 6-1, 6-1; L Bamfield (GB) bt G Cartledge, 6-1, 6-0; H Mursell bt N Isles, 6-1, 6-0; S Jones (GB) bt L Burgess, 6-0, 6-0; F Deucher bt G D'Ettore, 6-0, 6-1; R Snell bt M MacKay, 6-1, 6-1; C Cornwallis (GB) bt S Newton, 6-0, 6-0; A Cockcroft (GB) bt J Hamies, 6-0, 6-0; M Heppell bt S Eade, 6-0, 6-2; E Welch bt J Riennets, 6-5, 6-4.

BOXING

GLASGOW: WBC International bantamweight championship: Donnie Hood (Glasgow) bt Rocky Commey (Ghana), pts. Light: Alan McDowall (Glasgow) bt John Patterson (Newcastle), pts. Dave Anderson (Glasgow) bt Ian Honeywood (Peterborough), pts.

GOLF

GOLF FOUNDATION SCHOOLS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP: Clyne GC, Swansea: 1, Bishop Gore Comprehensive (Swansea), 237; 2, Olchfa Comprehensive (Swansea), 238; 3, Sir Thomas Picton Comprehensive, 242.

SEABROOK ISLAND: The Johnnie Walker Writers Cup: The George Simms Trophy: United States 18, Europe 10.

TENNIS

PALERMO: Sicily international championships: First round: T Muster (Austria) bt R Agenor (Haiti), 6-0, 6-4; D Nargiso (It) bt H Skoff (Austria), 7-6, 6-2; E Sanchez (Sp) bt D Perez (Uru), 6-4, 6-0; M Cierro (It) bt B Wuyts (Belg), 6-2, 6-2; G Perez-Roldan (Arg) bt F Roig (Sp), 6-3, 7-5; C Pistolesi (It) bt A Volkov (USSR), 6-2, 6-2; G Lopez (Sp) bt F Clavet (Sp), 6-2, 6-4; J Antonio Conde (Sp) bt A Boetsch (Fr), 7-5, 7-6; M Vajda (Cz) bt M Filippini (Uru), 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; J Arrese (Sp) bt J Sanchez (Sp), 6-4, 2-6, 7-5; R Azar (Arg) bt S Pescosolido (It), 7-5, 3-6, 7-6; Y Noah (Fr) bt C Costa (Sp), 1-6, 7-5, 6-4. Second round: M Vajda (Czech) bt G Perez-Roldan (Arg), 6-2, 6-4; D Nargiso (It) bt R Gilbert (Fr), 6-4, 4-6, 6-1.

BAYONNE, France: Women's open tournament: First round: Second round: M Maleeva-Fragniere (Switz) bt N Housset (Fr), 6-0, 6-1; A Strnadova (Cz) bt L Garrone (It), 6-4, 6-3; C Suire (Fr) bt A Temesvari (Hun), 6-2, 6-1; P Tarabini (Fr) bt C Tanvier (Fr), 6-4, 6-2; P Paradis-Mangon (Fr) bt P Etchemendy (Fr), 6-2, 6-2; C Godridge (Aus) bt H Pampoulova-Wagner (Bul), 7-6, 6-2.

BASLE: Indoor tournament: First round: P McEnroe (US) bt C Mezzadri (Switz), 6-7, 7-5, 6-0; P Korda (Cz) bt A Jarryd (Swe), 3-6, 6-4, 6-3; A Volkov (USSR) bt G Raoux (Fr), 6-4, 6-3; J Hlasek (Switz) bt J Gunnarsson (Swe), 6-3, 6-2; J Carlsson (Swe) bt A Mronz (Ger), 7-5, 5-7, 6-3; T Carbonell (Sp) bt C Saceanu (Ger), 7-5, 6-3; J Connors bt L Prades (Fr), 6-3, 6-1; K Curren (US) bt M Rosset (Switz), 2-6, 7-6, 6-1; S Bruguera (Sp) bt D Engel (Swe), 2-6, 7-5, 7-6; C-U Steeb (Ger) bt J-P Fleurian (Fr), 6-0, 7-6; N Kulti (Swe) bt C Caratti (It), 6-1, 6-4.

BRISBANE: Queensland Open: Second round: J Grabb (US) bt S Matsuoka (Japan), 7-6, 6-7, 6-3; R Fromberg (Aus) bt J Cesk (Aus), 6-0, 6-1; G Pozzi (It) bt T Woodbridge (Aus), 6-4, 0-6, 6-1; A Chesnokov (USSR) bt R Weiss (US), 3-6, 6-2, 6-0.

ST PETERSBURG, Soviet Union: Women's cup tournament: First round: B Rittner (Ger) bt S Dopfer (Austria), 6-2, 6-3; M Medvedeva (USSR) bt N Van Lottum (Neth), 6-2, 6-2; C Dahlman (Swe) bt P Thoren (Fin), 6-1, 4-6, 7-5; S Testud (Fr) bt B Cordwell (NZ), 1-6, 6-1, 6-4; A Henricksson (US) bt D Faber, U.S., 6-0, 4-6, 7-6; P Ritter (Aus) bt L Golarsa (It), 2-6, 6-2, 6-3; K Oeljeklaus (Ger) bt S Frankel (Ger), 6-2, 3-6, 7-6.

ESSEN, Germany: Invitation round-robin German Masters women's tournament: Group A: MJ Fernandez (US) bt A Huber (Ger), 3-6, 6-2, 6-2; Group B: M Navratilova (US) bt J Wiesner (Austria), 6-3, 6-1.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pittsburgh Pirates 10, New York Mets 6; Philadelphia Phillies 4, Chicago Cubs 2; San Francisco Giants 9, Houston Astros 7; St Louis Cardinals 4, Montreal Expos 3; Los Angeles Dodgers 5, San Diego Padres 2. Postponed: Cincinnati Reds at Atlanta Braves.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit Tigers 7, Cleveland Indians 2; Milwaukee Brewers 5, New York Yankees 4; Minnesota Twins 9, Chicago White Sox 2; Toronto Blue Jays 3, California Angels 0; Kansas City Royals 5, Oakland Athletics 4; Texas Rangers 8, Seattle Mariners 7. Postponed: Boston Red Sox at Baltimore Orioles.

AFRICAN GAMES

FOOTBALL: Group B (Alexandria): Tunisia 1, Cameroon 0; Mali 5, Mauritius 0.

ATHLETICS: Men: Marathon: T Negere (Eth), 2hr 31min 17sec. 4 x 100m relay: Nigeria, 39.36sec. Shot: C Uguru (Nigeria), 17.84m. Javelin: C Okemefula (Nigeria), 77.14 (African record). Women: 10,000m: T Derartu (Eth), 33min 40.37sec. 110m hurdles: I Akpan (Nigeria), 13.44sec.

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Northumberland 6, Durham 10.

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SNOOKER

TRENTHAM GARDENS, Stoke: Strachan Open: Fourth round: E Charlton (Aus) bt J Wootman (Eng), 5-3; J Birch (Eng) bt W Thorne (Eng), 5-2; D O'Kane (NZ) bt M Davis (Eng), 5-2; J Johnson (Eng) bt J Ferguson (Eng), 5-3; D Reynolds (Eng) bt J McLaughlin (NI), 5-4; C Wilson (Wal) bt J Grech (Malta), 5-2; G Wilkinson (Eng) bt S Murphy (Ire), 5-4; T Meo (Eng) bt B Rowswell (Eng) 5-0.

TABLE TENNIS

EUROPEAN WOMEN'S LEAGUE: First division: England bt France, 4-1 (A Holt lost to E Coubat, 21-16, 13-21, 19-21; L Lomas bt S Derrien, 21-17, 21-12; F Elliot bt C Yquel, 18-21, 21-18, 21-14; Holt and Lomas bt Coubat and Yquel, 22-24, 21-17, 21-10; Lomas bt Coubat, 22-20, 21-13.

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England given no chance of lifting rugby crown

Craven chooses Australia for World Cup title

STELLENBOSCH, South Africa (AFP) — Danie Craven, president of the South African Rugby Board, has predicted that Australia will win the World Cup in November. He also said that South Africa, if they were playing, would not have been in the running.

"I think Australia will take it," Craven, after watching the two-match Bledisloe Cup series between Australia and New Zealand, said. "Australia are playing adventurous rugby while New Zealand play according to a pattern. It is pattern versus individualism."

Although both sides have excellent forwards, Craven feels that Australia — who shared the *Bledisloe* series 1-1 with the All Blacks — have a clear advantage at the back. "The flair is still with their backs. They play according to principles but that's different than playing according to a pattern."

Craven does not rate England's World Cup chances after they were crushed 40-15 by Australia in July. Instead, he reckons that France are the "dark horses" while neither Fiji or Argentina should be overlooked.

He said that South Africa could have won the tournament in 1987 but not now. "In the meantime, we have lost a lot of ground by not playing other countries following the sporting boycott," he said.

"We haven't got the threequarters we had when we played the Cavaliers," he added, referring to the tour by the unofficial All Blacks in 1986 when the South Africans won three of the four internationals. "We could have beaten any country in the world then. Any."

For the moment, Craven is focusing his energies on getting a change in the sport's rules on scrums. He also wants a shake-up in the International Rugby Board (IRB).

He maintains that the rule which gives an advancing team the put-in at a scrum helps the All Blacks but is bad for the sport. "The All Blacks play on that," he said. "They go forward all the time. They drive and they drive. Then they kill the ball and yet get the throw-in. That's wrong."

Craven plans to lobby the IRB on the subject and said: "I think they have seen the light." However, Craven also wants changes in the IRB itself and the way the World Cup is organised, given the growing number of countries playing rugby union.

Geographic zones ought to be drawn up, covering the four home unions, the International Amateur Rugby Federation, the Americas, Africa, the Pacific islands, Asia and Oceania. Each of these would have representatives — "one, two or three; whatever they decide" — within the IRB.

Craven also suggested the four home unions would become the executive of the IRB as "they are the oldest." He said: "In this way, everybody is represented — either directly or indirectly — which you can't have now."

With the new structure in place, the World Cup would also change format. Different countries from the same zone would play each other and the regional champions would meet.

However, Craven declined to assess his chances of getting the proposals accepted.

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Swiss bid to stage the 1998 World Cup is sent to Fifa

SWITZERLAND confirmed yesterday that it was still in the running to host the 1998 football World Cup by submitting a formal bid to Fifa. The deadline for bids is tomorrow and France and Morocco seem certain to be the only other candidates.

Morocco, narrowly beaten by the United States in the vote for the 1994 finals, is making a fresh attempt to become the first African nation to act as host to the tournament.

Andreas Herren, a Fifa spokesman, said that of the four remaining countries which had made submissions earlier this year, only India had officially indicated it had withdrawn.

"Media reports say Brazil, England and Portugal are also no longer interested but we do not have anything officially," he said. FIFA's executive committee will choose the 1998 host country in Zurich on July 2 next year.

Chances of Philadelphia, the fifth-largest city in the United States, staging World Cup games in 1994 have improved according to *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, which reports that the city has made the short-list from an an original entry of 26 cities competing to be one of the eight to 12 sites that will be used in the month-long tournament.

Guido Tognoni, press officer to Fifa, has confirmed that Philadelphia is among the cities organisation officials will visit within the next few weeks.

Officers of World Cup USA, the local organising committee, have said the most cost effective way to run the tournament would be to have only eight vennes, but would like to have 12 to increase exposure to the game throughout the country.

There has been much speculation on how the cities would be paired regionally for first-round groups. Five cities in the North East have bid for games — New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Washington and New Haven. Washington, because of its status as the capital, and New York, because of Fifa's stated preference, have been considered front-runners.

Other cities that are considered strong candidates are Los Angeles, Chicago, where the US federation has announced it will move its headquarters next year and Miami, where the Joe Robbie Stadium has already impressed Fifa inspectors.

Richard Groff, treasurer of the US Soccer Federation who is and one of the organisers of the Philadelphia bid, said the local community felt vindicated by making the short list.

"For the last 12 months, all we have been reading is that we don't have a chance, he said. "Clearly, we are a possibility."

Philadelphia has proved it can draw a crowd. The US national team has been watched by more than 43,000 there twice in the last three years, once at Veterans Stadium and on the other occasion at Franklin Field at the University of Pennsylvania.

☐ Following Egypt's elimination from the All-Africa Games, the national football federation has been dissolved and the team's German coach, Dietrich Weise, has been dismissed and replaced by a former holder of the post, Mahmoud el-Gobary.

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Sharpening their short game: Ian Woosnam, left, and Nick Faldo were hard at work on the Kiawah Island practice ground yesterday

Pre-match nerves begin to jangle

From David Miller
AT KIAWAH ISLAND
SOUTH CAROLINA

BERNARD Gallacher, the European golf captain, yesterday showed signs that the repeated defence of the Ryder Cup is becoming less comfortable. Pete Dye's as yet unfathomed oceanside course, together with a rash of American press criticism, had Gallacher just a shade defensive.

It was impossible, Gallacher said, for him to have accepted the US PGA's invitation for European players to sample the course last April. It would not have been beneficial to selection, with dozens then still in contention, to bring a handful to the Cup course. Was the new captain, I wondered, being over-sensitive?

"It was not an easy logistical operation, because they're committed to the European Tour and have a tight schedule," Gallacher said. "I am offended that people think we're ill-prepared." Either way, it seems to me, there was no need to respond to criticism; but it does point to the possibility that the European team is feeling under pressure, especially in the unique circumstance of this golf course lifted two years ago out of three miles of Atlantic salt marshes.

Was Ian Woosnam's flurry of anger yesterday, on the third green of his practice round, another sign of collective tension, or merely of the little Welshman's underlying streak of insecurity? Seve Ballesteros, overestimating his approach shot, in the match behind Woosnam and Faldo, plopped the ball almost into Woosnam's pocket on the green, and it required Faldo's restraining arm to cool his partner's wrath. You sense that, more than ever, the beauty of the Ryder Cup will be the extent to which it tests character as much as technique. Dye is not sure which side his course will assist: *maybe* America, he said.

Kiawah Island, when you find it — 20 miles from historic Charleston down a narrow two-track road barely wide enough for a single sedan, threading its way through palm and fir and scattered cabin-style dwellings — looks like those glossy-magazine real-estate advertisements:

"Villas located throughout the island ... variety of boutiques ... complete [tennis] instruction programme ... health spa with its own identity ... conference facilities that incorporate the retail village."

You know, long before you reach the price-line, that this haven of manicured tranquility will have the orderliness that gives bespoke American vacations an almost funereal solemnity. Nobody drives at more than 19mph, and purchasing a Ryder Cup T-shirt is conducted, in the land of Billy Graham, with an almost religious reverence.

Kiawah, inhabited by Indians in the 17th century and a lumbering site until the mid-Seventies, when it was developed as a resort, has the aura of Frinton-on-Sea restyled by Cartier, in a Turkish bath climate which is shared with the alligators, sea turtles, brown pelicans and aristocratic herons. When I woke yesterday morning, it was to the sound, from the grounds of the chalet-style inn, of a petrol-driven blow-dryer gadget that returns the pine needles onto the shrub borderbeds. A lady was tidying the drive with a *Hoover*. The word for life around here is definitely "neat".

It will be less neat out on the course come tomorrow, I have a hunch. The mood is that the Americans want to win more than the Europeans are reluctant to lose.

We may see some alligators on the fairways and around the green (visitor's green fee: $120) under the scrutiny of several thousand grandmothers with eyeshade and eyeshadow, carefully pressed short trousers and the most darling pink socks.

It will be fascinating to see how the European array of rookies will react to such a severe responsibility. Gallacher yesterday hedged a little on the system by which he will determine his pairings for foursomes and four-balls, whether the distinction between factors of temperament and technique were some kind of state secret. He did, however, acknowledge that always permanent sporting element of chance. "I'll be keeping my fingers crossed" he said. And, at last, a glint of humour. "I'm making decisions on a consensus basis — as long as they're the way I see it".

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US captain irks Gallacher

From Mitchell Platts, golf correspondent, at Kiawah Island, South Carolina

BERNARD Gallacher yesterday exposed his feelings, and possibly his pairings, as the Ryder Cup match against the United States drew closer.

Gallacher, the captain of Europe, expressed his view on learning that Dave Stockton, the US captain, had reiterated his outlook that the European team, sponsored by Johnnie Walker, was exuding confidence at a time when their lack of knowledge of the Ocean Course might sway against them.

Stockton said: "I guess we'll find out by Sunday how quickly they think they can learn the course. I think we have to shut up and play Pete Dye's course, bring it to its knees and the Europeans along with it.

"They've had a long run but it's time for us to come back."

Gallacher, agitated by the suggestion that the European forward planning lacked organisation, said: "Dave Stockton says we have got it wrong and now he wants to see who are the best in the world.

"We have the best players today and we will still have the best next week. It rankles with me that he keeps going on about us not practising enough."

Gallacher, however, seemed to be on the threshold of formulating his opening partnerships more than 24 hours before the first series of foursomes tomorrow.

The likelihood is that he will initially lean towards experience which will mean Mark James and Bernhard Langer linking together as they did in practice yesterday and likewise Sam Torrance and David Feherty

"I'm going to put the best eight players out on the first morning and take it from there," he said. "My first thought is to get together players who complement each other."

Botham deal to be official

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

THE worst-kept secret in cricket will officially be revealed tomorrow when Ian Botham signs a two-year contract for the county championship newcomers, Durham.

The deal, heavily backed by the Newcastle brewery, which acts as Durham's principal sponsor, will ensure that Botham remains among the best-paid players in his sport, at least until the end of the 1993 season.

Despite much speculation linking Botham with other counties, notably Yorkshire, the England all-rounder has been verbally committed to Durham since the spring, when he agreed with Duncan Fearnley, the Worcestershire chairman, that this would be his final year in the West Midlands.

The Durham captaincy had initially been a possibility, but that job is earmarked for David Graveney. The presence of Phil Bainbridge and the possible addition of Paul Parker, from Sussex, Simon Hughes, from Middlesex, and Joey Benjamin, from Warwickshire, will give Durham a solid base of experience for their debut season.

Botham's signature was not thought a priority by some within the club, but his commercial attraction is undeniable. With the charismatic Australian, Dean Jones, already engaged as their overseas player, Durham have two of the great crowd-pullers in world cricket.

☐ Sussex have appointed Ian Waring, aged 27, the former fast bowler, as their first youth development officer.

Pringle has operation on a damaged finger

ENGLAND'S winter cricket tour and World Cup plans received a further potential setback through injury yesterday (Richard Streeton writes). Derek Pringle, the Essex all-rounder, fractured a finger and was ruled unfit for at least two months by an orthopaedic surgeon.

Pringle damaged his left index finger in two places as he took a catch at first slip to dismiss Wayne Phillips in the match with Victoria at Chelmsford.

After an operation for what was described as a complicated double fracture, Pringle was detained in hospital overnight and the finger was left wired and pinned.

Pringle will presumably be able to maintain basic fitness as his finger mends, but he joins two other England players who are out of action.

Mike Atherton has recently had a back operation and is resting until December. Angus Fraser hopes to hear the outcome of a bone scan on his long-standing hip problem later this week.

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Leading athletes want harsher drug penalties

From John Goodbody
IN BERGEN, NORWAY

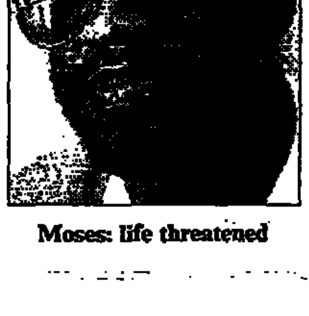
BRITAIN'S Olympic competitors want far harsher penalties for people caught taking drugs, but 96 per cent of them believe that the number of British sportsmen and women using banned substances is either "small or insignificant".

Three per cent of those interviewed in a recent survey said competitors should be permitted to use drugs or other substances without restriction to improve their performances, while 41 per cent believed that the drug problem was greater in other countries than in Britain.

In the first survey of top-class competitors, 102 athletes from 20 sports anonymously completed questionnaires handed out at the training camps run this month by the British Olympic Association.

Reporting the results, Professor Peter Radford, of the University of Glasgow, said that 77 per cent of the competitors believed that the system of doping control in Britain was effective, and 85 per cent said that out-of-competition testing was a better deterrent than testing at events. Many athletes realise that their rivals use anabolic steroids during training and stop taking them some time before competition to evade detection, but still benefit from their use during the event.

What particularly struck Radford, the 100 metres bronze medal winner at the 1960 Olympics, was the harshness of the penalties demanded by competitors. Seventy-five per cent believed that the first offence of being found positive for hormone drugs, amphetamines or blood doping should result in the competitor either being banned for life (51 per cent) or banned for five years (24 per cent).



Moses: life threatened

This is far tougher than the regulation of the International Olympic Committee, and even the International Amateur Athletic Federation, which has only just raised the ban for a first offence to four years.

Even when competitors were found positive for a banned substance that may have been part of an over-the-counter medical treatment for a common ailment, and the competitor had previously received a warning for the same offence, 54 per cent wanted them either banned for life or for five years. Professor Radford told the third world conference on anti-doping in sport: "Elite athletes, it seems, would not be as squeamish as officials in dealing out harsh punishment to their drug-taking colleagues."

Sebastian Coe, twice Olympic 1,500 metres champion, reminded the conference that in 1982 the athletes commission of the IOC had voted for a life ban for competitors found positive for drugs. He said: "The national and international governing bodies could do a lot worse than to sit down and listen to the athletes on a number of issues." This included the move to have biennial world athletics championships, which Coe believes the competitors did not want.

Coe, the 800 metres world record-holder, said that testing arrangements were still not sufficiently effective. For too long the emphasis had been on competition. He wanted testing carried out independent of national and international governing bodies.

Edwin Moses, twice winner of the Olympic 400 metres hurdles, told delegates from 48 countries, and from international federations and doping laboratories, that when he began investigating the suppliers of drugs he and his wife received phone calls at home "threatening my life and my wife's life". However, he has continued to lead the crusade against drug taking in American athletics.

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